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MESSAGE RELAY VIA TELETYPE (RESTRICTED USE)

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ON 03-18-2010

Date: 10-12-85

PRECEDENCE:

☒ IMMEDIATE☐ PRIORITY☐ ROUTINE

FM: DIRECTOR, FBI

TO: ① LEGAT ROME  
② LEGAT BONN☐ White House/WH/☐ Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms/BATF/☐ Central Intelligence Agency/CIA/☐ CIA DCD/DCD/☐ Dept. of Energy HQS/DOEHQ/☐ Dept. of Energy Germantown DIV/DOE/☐ Dept. of Justice/DOJ/☐ Dept. of State/DOS/☐ Dept. of the Army/DA/☐ Dept. of Treasury/DOT/☐ Defense Intelligence Agency/DIA/☐ Director National Security Agency/NSA/☐ Director Naval Investigative Service/DIRNAVINSERV/☐ Drug Enforcement Admin./DEA/☐ FAA Washington HQ/FAA/☐ HQ AFOSI Bolling AFBDC/AFOSI/☐ INSCOM Ft. Meade/INSCOM/☐ Nuclear Regulatory Commission/NRC/☐ U.S. Customs Service/UCS/☐ U.S. Immigration & Naturalization Service/INS/☐ U.S. Secret Service/USSS/☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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Classification:

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Addressee Internal Distribution

For: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject: \_\_\_\_\_

☒ See Attached

10 OCT 1985

Approved By:

FC/a

Originator:

~~FC/a~~ JV

Tele Ext.

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Room/Div.:

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FM NEWARK (256-3) (P)

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (IMMEDIATE)

NEW YORK (IMMEDIATE)

WFO (IMMEDIATE)

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~~MAIN INFORMATION: IT-11, CC: WFO~~

*① MAIN SALON*  
*BY TT DATED 10/12/85, from: NEWARK*  
INTERAGENCY DEBRIEFING OF MILDRED HODES ON OCTOBER 12, 1985.

THIS ENTIRE COMMUNICATION IS CLASSIFIED "~~SECRET~~".

ON OCTOBER 12, 1985, SA [ ] (NEWARK), [ ]

[ ] (NEW YORK) AND [ ] (DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY),

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE INTERAGENCY HOSTAGE DEBRIEFING GROUP,

INTERVIEWED [ ] WHO HAD BEEN RELEASED FROM CAPTIVITY

FROM THE ACHILLE LAURO. SUMMARY RESULTS OF INTERVIEW AS FOLLOWS:

[ ] ADVISED THAT ONE OR TWO OF THE ARMED HOSTAGE-TAKERS  
WERE ALWAYS ON SITE NEAR THE PASSENGERS, BUT NEVER ALL FOUR AT

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AT ONCE. THE PASSENGERS WERE ALL HERDED TOGETHER INTO ONE ROOM AND SPLIT UP INTO GROUPS BY NATIONALITY. ALL PASSPORTS WERE COLLECTED BY THE ARMED INDIVIDUALS AND THE PASSPORTS OF THE AMERICANS WERE SET ASIDE. ON OCCASION, PASSENGERS, ALONE AND SOMETIMES IN GROUPS OF TWO OR THREE, WERE ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE IMMEDIATE AREA UNACCOMPANIED. THE HOSTAGE-TAKERS HAD INDICATED THAT THE SHIP WAS BOOBY-TRAPPED.

[ ] INDICATED THAT THE HIJACKERS DID NOT APPEAR TO KEEP TRACK OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PASSENGERS. [ ] ALSO SAID THAT SHE HEARD THAT THERE WAS AN AMERICAN DIPLOMAT ON BOARD THE SHIP WHO MANAGED TO AVOID HAVING TO REVEAL HIS TRUE IDENTITY AS A DIPLOMAT.

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[ ] STATED THAT SHE SAW NO EXPLOSIVES EXCEPT FOR HAND GRENADES ON THE BELT OF EACH HIJACKER, DESCRIBED AS GRAY, PINEAPPLE TYPE. [ ] SAW THE HIJACKERS USE WALKIE-TALKIES TO COMMUNICATE AND ONE KEPT YELLING "GOOD-GOOD" WHEN USING SAME.

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[ ] INDICATED THAT THE BARTENDER SAID THEY USED THE WALKIE-TALKIES FROM THE SHIP.

[ ] SAID THE HIJACKERS SEEMED ON DRUGS AS THEY NEVER

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SLEPT OR ATE, AND THEY APPEARED MORE AGITATED ON THE LAST DAY.

[ ] RECALLED THAT THE LIGHTS ON THE SHIP WERE CONTINUOUSLY ON DURING THE HIJACKING.

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[ ] DESCRIBED THE WEAPONS CARRIED BY THE HIJACKERS AS SUB-MACHINE GUNS WITH A CURVED CLIP AND MAYBE A WOODEN STOCK.

[ ] RECALLED THAT THE HIJACKERS SPOKE AT TIMES IN ARABIC AND THEY MAY HAVE USED THE SHIP'S PA SYSTEM; IN ADDITION, PA ANNOUNCEMENTS WERE MADE AT OTHER TIMES IN SEVERAL LANGUAGES, PROBABLY BY A MEMBER OF THE CREW.

[ ] RELATED THAT, FOLLOWING THE TAKEOVER, SHE HAD NO IDEA WHERE THE SHIP WAS.

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[ ] RECALLED THAT OIL DRUMS WERE PLACED BY THE HIJACKERS IN THE LOUNGE IN THE ROOF, AND IN THE LOUNGE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROOM WHERE THEY WERE KEPT, DESCRIBED THE DRUMS AS THREE FEET TALL BY ONE AND ONE-HALF FEET, PLASTIC WITH NO MARKINGS. IN ADDITION, THE CAPS WERE REMOVED AND SHE COULD SMELL THE ODOR OF FUEL.

[ ] SAW NO EVIDENCE THAT ANY OF THE SHIP'S DOORS WERE LOCKED AND STATED THAT NO SEARCHES OF PASSENGERS WERE CONDUCTED

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BY THE HIJACKERS.

[ ] ADVISED THAT SEVERAL TIMES ONE OF THE HIJACKERS SAID "ARAFAT" AND GESTURED WITH HIS THUMB UP, THEN SAID, "REAGAN BAD".

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PRIOR TO THE DEPARTURE OF THE HIJACKERS, [ ] RECALLED THAT THEY BROUGHT UP SOME APPARENT CREW MEMBERS FROM THE ENGINE ROOM FOR APPLAUSE BY PASSENGERS AS THANKS FOR KEEPING THE SHIP RUNNING, THEN THESE CREW MEMBERS AND THE CAPTAIN EXCHANGED KISSES AS GOOD-BYES PRIOR TO THEIR ACTUAL DEPARTURE. THE CAPTAIN LATER INDICATED THIS WAS DONE TO APPEASE THEM AND HELP TO GET THEM OFF THE SHIP.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE CRIMINAL PERSPECTIVE, [ ] APPEARED TO HAVE GOOD POWERS OF OBSERVATION AND RECOLLECTION. [ ] DID NOT OBSERVE VIOLENCE DIRECTED AT LEON KLINGHOFFER, BUT STATED THAT EARLY ON IN THE FIRST DAY SHE HEARD WHAT SHE THOUGHT WERE TWO SHOTS AND THEN THE SOUND OF A SPLASH FROM THE SIDE OF THE SHIP.

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[ ] PROVIDED DESCRIPTIONS OF THREE OF THE FOUR HIJACKERS, INDICATING SHE HAD SEEN MORE OF THESE THREE. IT SHOULD BE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT [ ] ADVISED THAT WHEN THE PLANE LANDED IN SICILY,

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~~TOP SECRET, 25 OCT, 1974~~

ITALY, SHE OBSERVED THE FOUR MALES ON THE AIRPORT APPOIN FROM  
HER WINDOW AND FELT THAT THESE WERE THE HIJACKERS WHO TOOK OVER  
THE SHIP.

☐ SAID HER LIFE WAS NEVER PERSONALLY THREATENED BY ANY  
OF THE HIJACKERS AND SHE NEVER KNELT DOWN AND BEGGED FOR HER  
LIFE AS SOME PRESS REPORTS INDICATED. SHE WAS TOLD BY THE CAPTAIN  
AFTER THE HIJACKERS DEPARTED THE SHIP THAT SHE WAS SCHEDULED  
TO BE THE NEXT AMERICAN TO BE KILLED BY THE HIJACKERS.

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LEFT TO DISCRETION OF RECIPIENTS.~~

~~ADMINISTRATIVE:~~

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL:~~

~~THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO FURNISH THE ABOVE INFORMATION  
TO LEGAT, ROME AND LEGAT, BONN.~~

~~CRY 6-3: DEC 1974 OADR~~

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# Memorandum

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Director's Sec'y \_\_\_\_\_

To :

[Redacted] *JP/ek*

Date 10/8/85

From : CID Duty Agent

12:00 Midnight - 8:00 a.m.

Subject

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LE ACHILLE LAURO  
ITALIAN CRUISE VESSEL  
HIJACKED OFF THE EGYPTIAN COAST  
OCTOBER 7, 1985

1 - [Redacted]  
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*MAIN SALON*

Captioned cruise vessel was hijacked off the Egyptian coast on 10/7/85, with more than 450 passengers and crew on board including 28 Americans. According to the news media, some of the passengers had left the vessel in Egypt prior to the hijacking. The armed hijackers are threatening to kill the passengers and blow up the vessel unless certain demands are met.

On 10/8/85, at 5:40 a.m., [Redacted] an [Redacted] to Congressman Mario Biaggi of New York, asked what action will the FBI take in captioned hijacking. [Redacted] stated Congressman Biaggi is the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Merchant Marine and will appear on Good Morning America, instant date, between 7:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.

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Deputy Assistant Director Wayne Gilbert was advised and stated he would contact [Redacted].

[Redacted] were also advised.

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MESSAGE RELAY VIA TELETYPE  
(RESTRICTED USE)Date: 10-16-85

PRECEDENCE:

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FM: DIRECTOR, FBI

TO: Legat, Rome  
Legat, Bonn

- ☐ White House/WH/  
☐ Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms/BATF/  
☐ Central Intelligence Agency/CIA/  
☐ CIA DCD/DCD/  
☐ Dept. of Energy HQS/DOEHQ/  
☐ Dept. of Energy Germantown DIV/DOE/  
☐ Dept. of Justice/DOJ/  
☐ Dept. of State/DOS/  
☐ Dept. of the Army/DA/  
☐ Dept. of Treasury/DOT/  
☐ Defense Intelligence Agency/DIA/

- ☐ Director National Security Agency/NSA/  
☐ Director Naval Investigative Service/DIRNAVINSERV/  
☐ Drug Enforcement Admin./DEA/  
☐ FAA Washington HQ/FAA/  
☐ HQ AFOSI Bolling AFBDC/AFOSI/  
☐ INSCOM Ft. Meade/INSCOM/  
☐ Nuclear Regulatory Commission/NRC/  
☐ U.S. Customs Service/UCS/  
☐ U.S. Immigration & Naturalization Service/INS/  
☐ U.S. Secret Service/USSS/  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Addressee Internal Distribution

For: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject: II 25642-59☐ See Attached

Approved By: <u>AMS</u>	Originator: _____	Tele Ext. <u>4575</u>	Room/Div.: <u>4239 6</u>
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ON 03-18-2010  
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PAGE 1 OF 2	DATE OCTOBER 15, 1985	CLASSIFICATION <del>SECRET</del>	PRECEDENCE IMMEDIATE
<p>FM DIRECTOR FBI</p> <p>TO LEGAL ATTACHE, ROME IMMEDIATE (INACT)</p> <p>BT</p> <p><del>SECRET</del></p> <p>MAIN SALON; IT - HOSTAGE TAKING; 00: WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE</p> <p>THIS COMMUNICATION IS CLASSIFIED <del>SECRET</del> IN ITS ENTIRETY.</p> <p>REFERENCE LEGAL ATTACHE, ROME TEL CALL TO BUREAU,</p> <p>OCTOBER 15, 1985.</p> <p>THIS CONFIRMS THAT FINGERPRINT EXPERT [REDACTED] QUANTICO WILL PROCEED TO ROME VIA TWA FLIGHT 848, ARRIVING AT ROME ON OCTOBER 16, 1985, AT 8:00 A.M. [REDACTED] WILL BE PRESENT AT THE AUTOPSY OF KLINGHOFFER'S BODY FOR POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION. LEGAL ATTACHE SHOULD FACILITATE HIS ARRIVAL AND MAKE LODGING ARRANGEMENTS.</p> <p>UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE (USDS) HAS ARRANGED WITH THE ARMED FORCES TO HAVE A UNITED STATES AIR FORCE (USAF) PATHOLOGIST AVAILABLE TO ASSIST IN THE AUTOPSY. USDS COMMAND</p>			
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APPROVED BY [Signature]	DRAFTED BY [Signature]	DATE 10-15-85	ROOM 4239
		TELE EXT. 4575	

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- 1 - EOC
- 1 - [REDACTED]

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## CONTINUATION SHEET

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CENTER DOES NOT HAVE THE IDENTITY OF SAID USAF PATHOLOGIST, AS  
OF THIS TIME.

SA [REDACTED] WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE, WILL REMAIN  
WITH THE BODY THROUGHOUT ITS TRAVEL, INCLUDING ITS RETURN TO  
THE UNITED STATES.

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MESSAGE RELAY VIA TELETYPE  
(RESTRICTED USE)Date: 10/24

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FM: DIRECTOR, FBI

TO: FBI Washington Field☐ White House/WH/☐ Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms/BATF/☐ Central Intelligence Agency/CIA/☐ CIA DCD/DCD/☐ Dept. of Energy HQS/DOEHQ/☐ Dept. of Energy Germantown DIV/DOE/☐ Dept. of Justice/DOJ/☐ Dept. of State/DOS/☐ Dept. of the Army/DA/☐ Dept. of Treasury/DOT/☐ Defense Intelligence Agency/DIA/☐ Director National Security Agency/NSA/☐ Director Naval Investigative Service/DIRNAVINSERV/☐ Drug Enforcement Admin./DEA/☐ FAA Washington HQ/FAA/☐ HQ AFOSI Bolling AFBDC/AFOSI/☐ INSCOM Ft. Meade/INSCOM/☐ Nuclear Regulatory Commission/NRC/☐ U.S. Customs Service/UCS/☐ U.S. Immigration & Naturalization Service/INS/☐ U.S. Secret Service/USSS/☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Addressee Internal Distribution

For: \_\_\_\_\_

4 OCT 31 1985

Subject: Main Salor; Hostage Taking - Terrorism; 00: WFO☒ See AttachedApproved By: RWS

Originator: \_\_\_\_\_

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FM LEGAT ROME (256-1)(P)

TO DIRECTOR ROUTINE

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ATTENTION: CID/TERRORISM SECTION

MAIN SALON: HOSTAGE TAKING - TERRORISM. OO: WASHINGTON FIELD  
OFFICE

THIS COMMUNICATION IS CLASSIFIED "~~SECRET~~" IN ITS ENTIRETY.

THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED FROM THE U. S. EMBASSY,  
SOFIA, AND DEALS WITH THE CURRENT LOCATION OF ABUL AL ABBAS:

" [REDACTED] (STRICTLY PROTECT) TOLD

US OCTOBER 22 THAT ABUL ABBAS, PALESTINIAN TERRORIST PLF LEADER  
WHOM THE ITALIANS PERMITTED TO DEPART ITALY FOR YUGOSLAVIA OVER  
OUR PROTEST AND REQUEST FOR EXTRADITION MAY BE IN BULGARIA.

(DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE SEEN CONFIRMATION OF THIS AND OF ABUL  
ABBAS' S DEPARTURE FROM BULGARIA THROUGH OTHER CHANNELS.) OUR  
SOURCE CITED AN AEP REPORT THAT ABBAS LEFT BELGRADE FOR BULGARIA  
LAST THURSDAY (OCTOBER 17). THE CORRESPONDENT VISITED PLO OFFICE  
IN SOFIA TO FOLLOW-UP ON THE STORY. A PLO SPOKESMAN THERE TOLD

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HIM THAT ABBAS HAD LEFT BELGRADE, BUT WOULD NOT SAY FOR WHERE.  
THE CORRESPONDENT IS SKEPTICAL OF THIS PLO RESPONSE AND THINKS  
THERE IS A POSSIBILITY ABBAS MAY BE IN BULGARIA.

"BASED ON THE PUBLIC INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO US, WE WILL  
QUERY THE GOVERNMENT OF BULGARIA AT THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY RE  
ABUL ABBAS'S PRESENCE IN BULGARIA."

AS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS RECEIVED YOU WILL BE ADVISED.

~~EBLHQ RETRANSMIT ABOVE TELETYPE TO WFO.~~

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FM BERN (256-1) (P)

TO DIRECTOR IMMEDIATE 328-31 31 OCT 85 16 46Z

ATTN: EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER, FBIHQ, ROOM 5005

LEGAT ROME IMMEDIATE 328-31 VIA FBIHQ

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MAIN SALON; HOSTAGE TAKING-TERRORISM; OO: WFO.

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REBUTEL DATED OCTOBER 12, 1985, AND BERTEL DATED  
OCTOBER 23, 1985.

THE SWISS CITIZEN [REDACTED] WAS INTERVIEWED IN COOPERATION  
WITH THE ZURICH CANTONAL POLICE ON OCTOBER 23, 1985, IN ZURICH,  
SWITZERLAND, BY ASSISTANT LEGAT, BERN.

THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THIS INTERVIEW:

[REDACTED] WAS HAVING LUNCH ABOARD THE SHIP THE ACHILLE  
LAURO AT ABOUT 1:10 PM LOCAL TIME, OCTOBER 7, 1985, WHEN SUDDENLY  
HE HEARD A LOT OF SHOOTING FROM THE NEXT ROOM. WITHIN SECONDS  
HE OBSERVED PEOPLE WITH THEIR HANDS HIGH FROM THE OTHER ROOM BEING  
FORCED INTO THE DINING ROOM BY AT LEAST THREE PERSONS WITH AUTOMATIC  
GUNS. THERE WERE ABOUT 100 PEOPLE IN THE DINING ROOM AT THAT TIME

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AND ABOUT 15 PEOPLE WERE FORCED INTO THE DINING ROOM BY THE GUNMEN AT THAT TIME. THIS OCCURRED ABOUT TWO HOURS AFTER THE SHIP HAD LEFT ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT, EN ROUTE TO PORT SAID, EGYPT.

[ ] ADVISED THAT WHEN THE SHOOTING OCCURRED, GLASS WAS BEING BROKEN EVERYWHERE AND THAT HE LATER COUNTED 27 BULLET HOLES IN A COLUMN ABOUT ONE METER FROM WHERE HE WAS SITTING. HE DESCRIBED THE GUNMEN AS VERY NERVOUS AND YELLING IN A FOREIGN LANGUAGE. THE GUNMEN HERDED THE PEOPLE FROM THE ADJACENT ROOM AND THOSE WHO WERE ALREADY IN THE DINING ROOM INTO A CORNER BY KICKING THEM WITH THEIR FEET AND POKING AT THEM WITH THEIR GUNS.

[ ] STATED THAT HE WAS POKED WITH THE END OF A GUN TO HIS BUTTOCK BY ONE OF THE GUNMEN WHO SAID "ALLE" TO HIM, WHICH

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[ ] UNDERSTOOD TO MEAN "GO ON" IN FRENCH. DURING THE SHOOTING, [ ] OBSERVED ONE OF THE CREW MEMBERS HAD BEEN SHOT AND LAID ON THE FLOOR FOR ABOUT HALF AN HOUR BEFORE A DOCTOR COULD SEE HIM. [ ] AND THE OTHERS REMAINED STANDING IN THIS CORNER FOR OVER TWO HOURS AT WHICH TIME ALL OTHERS ON BOARD THE SHIP WERE TOLD TO GO TO THE DINING ROOM OVER THE SHIP'S LOUD SPEAKER SYSTEM. AFTER ABOUT HALF AN HOUR, ONE GUNMAN SAID SOMETHING TO THE EFFECT "PLEASE EXCUSE US, BUT WE HAVE LOST A LOT OF OUR FAMILY THROUGH THE ISRAELIS." [ ] RECALLED

HAMMAD ALI ABDULLAH SAYING, "THE GUN IS MY MOTHER, IT IS THE ONLY FAMILY I HAVE."

[ ] IDENTIFIED THE PHOTOGRAPH OF [ ]  
[ ] AND STATED THAT HE WAS 100 PER CENT CERTAIN  
[ ] WAS ON THE SHIP WHEN IT LEFT GENOA, ITALY. [ ] WAS  
PHOTOGRAPHED AT THE BEGINNING OF THE CRUISE AND ONE PHOTOGRAPH  
OF [ ] WAS DISPLAYED BEHIND GLASS ON THE SHIP SO THE PASSENGERS  
COULD PURCHASE ANY OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS IF THEY DESIRED. DURING THE  
TAKEOVER OF THE SHIP, THE GLASS ENCLOSURE CONTAINING THESE PHOTO-  
GRAPHS WAS SHOT-UP AND MOST OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS CONTAINING ANY OF  
THE GUNMEN WERE GONE.

[ ] ADVISED THAT AFTER STANDING TWO HOURS IN THE  
DINING ROOM CORNER, THEY WERE TOLD TO GO TO THE LARGE DANCING  
LOUNGE OR BALLROOM WHERE THEY WERE DIVIDED INTO NATIONALITIES.  
THEY REMAINED IN THIS ROOM FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SEIZE. THE  
OFFICERS OF THE SHIP WERE TOLD TO CHECK THE PASSENGERS' PASSPORTS.  
SOME HAD BEEN DEPOSITED WITH THE SHIP, HOWEVER, THOSE WHO HAD  
THEIRS IN THEIR ROOMS OR ELSEWHERE WERE ESCORTED TO AND FROM TO  
RETRIEVE THEM.

[ ] KNEW MR. KLINGHOFFER FROM THE CRUISE AS HE  
NORMALLY SAT ONLY A FEW TABLES AWAY FROM HIM TO TAKE MEALS.

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HE DESCRIBED MR. KLINGHOFFER AS AN "UNSYMPATHIC AND UNPLEASANT PERSON" WHO WAS WELL KNOWN AMONG THE PASSENGERS IN THIS WAY.

[ ] IDENTIFIED A PHOTOGRAPH OF [ ] AND ADVISED THAT THE FOLLOWING MORNING, BETWEEN 10:00 AND NOON, HE OBSERVED [ ] ABRUPTLY TAKE FROM MR. KLINGHOFFER HIS CIGARETTES, WRISTWATCH AND WHAT HE WAS DRINKING. [ ] EVEN TOOK AWAY THE CIGARETTE KLINGHOFFER WAS SMOKING AT THE TIME AND YELLED SOMETHING TO THE EFFECT "AMERICANS NO GOOD, ISRAELIS NO GOOD."

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AT ABOUT NOON, ALL OF THE AMERICANS, BRITISH AND SOUTH AFRICANS (EXCEPT KLINGHOFFER) WERE ORDERED ON THE UPPER DECK, ONE DECK ABOVE, WHICH WAS OPEN AIR. THEY REMAINED THERE FOR FIVE OR SIX HOURS. KLINGHOFFER REMAINED SEGREGATED FROM THE MAIN GROUP NEAR THE EXIT DOOR IN HIS WHEELCHAIR.

SHORTLY BEFORE THE AMERICANS, BRITISH AND SOUTH AFRICANS RETURNED TO THE BALLROOM, [ ] OBSERVED [ ] AND [ ] PUSH KLINGHOFFER OUT OF THE EXIT AND ONTO THE OUTSIDE DECK. AFTER ABOUT FIVE MINUTES SEVERAL SHOTS WERE HEARD IN ABOUT SIX BURSTS OF AUTOMATIC FIRING. ABOUT ONE HOUR LATER [ ] RETURNED TO THE BALLROOM AT WHICH TIME [ ] OBSERVED BLOOD ON BOTH OF HIS SHOES AND TROUSERS. [ ] DESCRIBED THE SHOES AS WHITE HIGH TOPS WITH A BLUE TOE AND THE NAME "AMERICAN EAGLE"

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WRITTEN ON THE INNER SIDE OF THE SHOES. [ ] REMAINED IN THE ROOM FOR ABOUT TEN MINUTES AND DEPARTED. ABOUT HALF HOUR LATER [ ] RETURNED WEARING DIFFERENT SHOES AND TROUSERS.

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AT ABOUT 8:00 OR 9:00 PM THAT EVENING, A FEMALE SWISS HOSTESS TOLD HIS GROUP THAT SHE LEARNED FROM A SHIP'S OFFICER THAT THE GUNMEN HAD KILLED KLINGHOFFER AND NAMED THE SHIP'S HAIRDRESSER AND ANOTHER PERSON TO THROW HIS BODY OVERBOARD.

THE ONLY SHOTS [ ] HEARD FROM THE TIME MR. KLINGHOFFER WAS PUSHED OUT OF THE BALLROOM TO THE OUTSIDE DECK THAT AFTERNOON AND THE TIME HE HEARD OF MR. KLINGHOFFER'S DEATH FROM THE SWISS HOSTESS WERE THE BURSTS OF ABOUT SIX HE DESCRIBED EARLIER.

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ON WEDNESDAY AT ABOUT 2:30 PM TO 3:00 PM, THE CAPTAIN INFORMED EVERYONE THAT A BOAT WAS EN ROUTE TO TAKE THE FOUR GUNMEN AWAY. AT ABOUT 4:30 PM TO 5:00 PM A TUG BOAT "BASEL 2" CAME AND PICKED UP THE GUNMEN. [ ] DOES NOT KNOW THE LOCATION OF THE BOAT AT THAT TIME, BUT ADVISED THERE WAS NO LAND INSIGHT.

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[ ] A PASSENGER FROM AUSTRIA, WHO REPORTED THAT THE SHIP'S HAIRDRESSER SAW KLINGHOFFER KILLED, IS BEING INTERVIEWED ON OCTOBER 30, 1985, IN AUSTRIA.



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FD-302'S FOLLOW.

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RE SECURE CALLS BETWEEN FBIHQ AND RECEIVING OFFICES ON

OCTOBER 8, 1985.

MAIN SALON IS OUR CODE NAME FOR THE PALESTINIAN LIBERATION  
FRONT HIJACKING OF THE ITALIAN CRUISE SHIP LE ACHILLE LAURO.

THIS IS TO CONFIRM FBIHQ INSTRUCTIONS THAT RECEIVING OFFICES  
MONITOR TECHNICAL COVERAGES SPECIFIED IN REFERENCED SECURE CALLS.

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MAIN SALON;) HOSTAGE TAKING - TERRORISM. OO: WASHINGTON FIELD  
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THIS COMMUNICATION IS CLASSIFIED "~~SECRET~~" IN ITS ENTIRETY.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF FBIHQ, THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED BY  
THE WFO INVESTIGATIVE TEAM IN ROME:

THE AUTOPSY OF THE BODY OF LEON KLINGHOFFER WAS COMPLETED  
BY ITALIAN AUTHORITIES DURING THE EARLY EVENING OF OCTOBER 17,  
1985. U.S. ARMY PATHOLOGIST [REDACTED] WAS ALLOWED TO  
PARTICIPATE IN THE AUTOPSY BUT WAS NOT ALLOWED TO TAKE TISSUE  
OR FLUID SAMPLES. [REDACTED] WILL PREPARE A DETAILED AUTOPSY  
REPORT FOR THIS INVESTIGATION BASED UPON HIS PARTICIPATION BUT  
LIMITED ROLE IN THE AUTOPSY. [REDACTED] PRELIMINARY FINDINGS,  
IN AGREEMENT WITH ITALIAN PATHOLOGISTS, IS THAT MR. KLINGHOFFER  
DIED FROM A GUNSHOT WOUND TO THE HEAD. THE BULLET ENTERED THE  
FRONT RIGHT PORTION WITH MINIMAL ANGULATION. ONLY MINIMAL BRAIN

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TISSUE REMAINED WITHIN THE SKULL AND THEREFORE IT CANNOT BE STATED WITH CERTAINTY THAT THE GUNSHOT WOUND TO THE HEAD WAS THE ONLY CAUSE OF DEATH, ALTHOUGH, THAT IS THE OPINION OF [REDACTED] AND THE ITALIAN PATHOLOGISTS. ADDITIONALLY, THE AUTOPSY REVEALED A HOLE IN THE BACK OF THE BODY WHICH ITALIAN PATHOLOGISTS BELIEVE WAS CAUSED FROM AN INTERNAL FRACTURE. [REDACTED] IS UNCERTAIN OF THIS CAUSE AND ADVISED THAT CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO HAVING A PATHOLOGIST EXAMINE SURROUNDING SKIN TISSUE FOR GUN POWDER RESIDUE ONCE THE BODY RETURNS TO THE U.S. THIS CONSIDERATION SHOULD INCLUDE INFORMATION THAT MR. KLINGHOFFER WAS SHOT TWICE, POSSIBLY BY TWO SEPARATE TERRORISTS.

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AS OF THIS WRITING NO INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM ITALIAN AUTHORITIES CONCERNING THEIR PLANS FOR SHIPMENT OF THE BODY BACK TO THE U.S. REPORTS INDICATE THAT THIS MAY NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL SUNDAY OR MONDAY. THIS MATTER WILL BE CLOSELY MONITORED AND FBIHQ WILL BE ADVISED AS MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION IS DEVELOPED.

THE FOUR FBI LABORATORY PERSONNEL WHO ARRIVED IN GENOA ON OCTOBER 17, 1985 ARRIVED MIDDAY, COMPLETED THEIR CRIME SCENE EXAMINATION AND WERE ABLE TO DISEMBARK FROM THE "ACHILLE LAURO"

PRIOR TO ITS DEPARTURE FROM GENOA AT APPROXIMATELY 6:00 P.M. THAT EVENING. THOSE PERSONNEL BOARDED AN OVERNIGHT TRAIN FROM GENOA AND ARRIVED IN ROME THIS MORNING. THE LABORATORY TEAM WAS ABLE TO DUST THE SUITE OF THE TERRORISTS FOR FINGERPRINTS, OBTAIN METALLIC FRAGMENT SAMPLES FROM THE DINING ROOM CEILING, AND GATHER BLOOD SAMPLES FROM THE SHIP DECK AREA WHERE MR. KLINGHOFFER WAS SHOT. THE LABORATORY TEAM ALSO TOOK PHOTOGRAPHS OF THOSE AREAS EXAMINED. THE LABORATORY TEAM WILL DEPART FROM ROME TOMORROW MORNING, OCTOBER 19, 1985, ENROUTE TO THE U.S. THEIR ASSISTANCE IN THIS MATTER WAS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

WFO'S INVESTIGATIVE TEAM ABOARD THE "ACHILLE LAURO" COMMENCED INTERVIEWS WITH AVAILABLE WITNESSES DURING THE AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER 17, 1985. THESE INTERVIEWS ARE SCHEDULED TO CONTINUE DURING THE SHIP'S TRAVEL TO NAPLES. DUE TO THE LARGE NUMBER OF INTERVIEWS TO ACCOMPLISH, IT IS UNCERTAIN WHETHER OR NOT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO COMPLETE THEIR WORK BEFORE THE SHIP DEPARTS FROM NAPLES ENROUTE TO PORT SAID, EGYPT, AND ON TO ASHOD, ISRAEL. INFORMATION RECEIVED AT THE TIME OF WRITING REPORTS THAT THE "ACHILLE LAURO" ARRIVED IN NAPLES AT 2:00 P.M. THIS DATE. THE "ACHILLE LAURO" IS SCHEDULED TO REMAIN AT

NAPLES UNTIL 6:00 P.M., AT WHICH TIME IT WILL PROCEED TO PORT SAID. A STATUS REPORT IS EXPECTED FROM THE WFO TEAM DURING ITS STOP IN NAPLES. IF IT IS NECESSARY FOR THE TEAM TO CONTINUE THE CRUISE, THEY HAVE BEEN ADVISED NOT TO DISEMBARK AT PORT SAID AND TO REMAIN ONBOARD UNTIL THE SHIP REACHES ASHOD, ISRAEL, PER FBIHQ INSTRUCTIONS.

NO FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS HAVE OCCURRED CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY OF THE TERRORISTS FOR FBI INTERVIEW. LEGAT ROMF CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT THE HAND DELIVERY OF A COPY OF THE LETTER OF ROGATORY, PRESENTED TO THE MAGISTRATE, WOULD VERY LIKELY WIN HIS COOPERATION AND ALLOW ACCESS TO THE TERRORISTS FOR INTERVIEW. THE ORIGINAL LETTER OF ROGATORY CAN THEN PROCEED SLOWLY THROUGH THE VARIOUS LEVELS OF ITALIAN GOVERNMENTAL AND JUDICIAL ENTITIES.

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FBIHQ WILL BE KEPT ADVISED AS TO DEVELOPMENTS.

FBIHQ RELAY THIS TELETYPE TO THE WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE.

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FOR THE INFORMATION OF FBIHQ, WFO INVESTIGATIVE TEAM MEMBERS  
WHICH HAD BEEN ABOARD THE "ACHILLE LAURO" DEPARTED FROM ROME THIS  
MORNING ENROUTE TO THE U.S. THESE AGENTS ARE: SSA [REDACTED]

SSA [REDACTED] SA [REDACTED] AND SA [REDACTED]. AS FBIHQ

IS AWARE, THREE WFO INVESTIGATIVE TEAM MEMBERS REMAIN IN ROME  
AWAITING INTERVIEW ACCESS TO THE FOUR PALESTINIAN TERRORISTS  
INCARCERATED IN ITALY. AUTHORIZATION TO INTERVIEW THE SUBJECTS  
HAS BEEN OBTAINED FROM ALL INTERESTED PARTIES WITHIN THE ITALIAN  
GOVERNMENT AND EFFORTS ARE PROCEEDING THROUGH INTERPOL TO COORDINATE  
THE TIME AND LOCATION WHEREIN THESE INTERVIEWS CAN BE CONDUCTED.

FBIHQ WILL BE KEPT ADVISED AS TO DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS MATTER.

FBIHQ RETRANSMIT THIS COMMUNICATION TO WFO.

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## USE AND PREPARATION OF FORM 0-73

### Restrictions on Use

1. Only incoming teletype messages within the categories listed in MIOG Section 16-1.7 pages 1251 & 1252 may be prepared using form 0-73.
2. Use of Form 0-73 is restricted to incoming teletype messages received at FBIHQ Communications Center within the last 72 hours.
3. Addressees must be Bureau Offices (LEGAT/Field) or other Government Agencies. **Geographical location must be indicated if other Government Agency is located outside the Washington, D.C. area.**
4. Editing of message text is restricted to typed or printed changes of a word or two. Changes to the existing text involving more than a word or two will require the originator to initiate a new message using Form 0-93. Administrative data may be added immediately following the text and must be identical for all addressees.
5. Teletype messages received by the Communications Center that do not meet the above criteria shall be returned to the originator for preparation using Form 0-93.

### Preparation of 0-73 Form (Yellow)

1. **Date & Precedence** - Type or print date and indicate precedence by checking the appropriate box.
2. **Addressee(s)** - Type or print addressee(s) immediately following the "TO:" or place a check mark in the appropriate box. Note: When using block "Other," indicate geographical location if addressee(s) is located outside Washington, D.C. If addressee(s) is a military installation, the name of the base, fort, or station must be listed to ensure delivery.
3. **Classification** - Type or print the classification and if appropriate the caveat and warning notices.
4. **Addressee Internal Distribution** - Complete when the originator wishes the message to be distributed to a known entity within a Headquarters Agency (i.e. Division, Section, Unit, etc.). List the addressee(s) abbreviation and the internal distribution, i.e. a message to Dept. of State, Dept. of Justice, and Defense Intelligence Agency; list on the "For" line(s) as follows:  
**Example:** For: DOS For SY/TAG; DOJ for Asst. AG Criminal Div.; DIA For DSOP.  
Messages which do not list internal distribution shall be delivered to the agency headquarters where their analyst will effect in-house distribution.
5. **Subject** - Type or print the subject in the space provided or check "see attached" if subject is identical to attached message.
6. **Originator's Boxes** - Type or print the originator's name, telephone extension, room number, and division.
7. **Approved By Box** - Indicate approval for transmission by initialing the approved by box. Note: The person approving the message is solely responsible for assuring all necessary editing changes are accurate and are legible.

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2. **Editing of Duplicate Copy (Heading)** - Using a lead pencil ONLY draw single lines through the first and last lines of the message heading; connect these lines from top right to bottom left forming a "Z" figure. **(Do Not Obliterate the Heading)**
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~~MAIN SALON; IT HOSTAGE TAKING; OO: WFO~~

INTERAGENCY DEBRIEFING OF HOSTAGES ON BOARD OF ITALIAN CRUISE  
SHIP "ACHILLE LAURO" ON OCTOBER 12, 1985.

THIS COMMUNICATION IS CLASSIFIED "~~SECRET~~" IN ITS ENTIRETY.

ON OCTOBER 12, 1985, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING:

[REDACTED] LEFT ABOARD THE VESSEL FROM GENOA ON OCTOBER 3, 1985,

WITH [REDACTED]

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[ ] AROUND OCTOBER 5, 1985, [ ] AND ONE OF THE OTHERS IN HER GROUP OBSERVED A MILITARY JET PLANE, DELTA WING TYPE, AT A DISTANCE FROM THE SHIP, WHICH DISAPPEARED THEN CAME BACK TOWARD THE SHIP. THE PLANE DID A "BARREL ROLL" WHILE APPROACHING THE VESSEL, FLEW VERY LOW OVER THE SHIP ABOUT 500 FEET AND THEN DISAPPEARED.

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THE SHIP PULLED INTO PORT AT ALEXANDRIA AT ABOUT 7:00 A.M. MONDAY MORNING. [ ] STAYED ON BOARD WITH [ ]. THE OTHERS LEFT.

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THE SHIP DEPARTED AND [ ] WENT DOWNSTAIRS TO THE DINING AREA WITH [ ] FOR LUNCH AT ABOUT 12:30 P.M. [ ] AND [ ] WERE SITTING ALONE IN AN AREA AT WHICH [ ] INITIALS APPEAR ON A MAP OF THE LINER ACHILLE LAURO.

AT ABOUT 1:30 P.M., [ ] HEARD SHOTS. [ ] SAW A MAN ENTER THE DINING ROOM WITH A MACHING GUN ABOUT THREE FEET LONG. THE MACHINE GUN WAS BLACK OR VERY DARK BROWN. THE MAN ENTERED FROM A POINT MARKED ON THE ABOVE MENTIONED MAP BY AN ARROW.

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[ ] DESCRIBED THE MAN, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS UNKNOWN

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SUBJECT (UNSUB) NUMBER ONE.

UNSUB ONE PASSED [ ] TABLE AND [ ] WAS AMONG TEN OR TWELVE OTHER INDIVIDUALS WHO RAN DOWN A STAIRCASE THAT ENTERS INTO THE DINING ROOM AND WHICH IS CIRCLED ON THE AFOREMENTIONED MAP. THE ROOM AT THE BOTTOM OF THE STAIRCASE WAS VERY HOT. [ ] AND THE OTHERS WERE THERE FOR ABOUT ONE-HALF HOUR. [ ] HEARD ON THE INTERCOM AN ANNOUNCEMENT BY AN ENGLISH SPEAKING MALE WHOM [ ] BELIEVED WAS THE CAPTAIN. THE CAPTAIN ANNOUNCED "GO TO THE DINING ROOM OR YOU WILL BE SHOT. EVERYONE PLEASE, PLEASE GO TO THE DINING ROOM".

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[ ] AND THE OTHERS WENT TO THE DINING ROOM WHERE EVERYONE ELSE FROM THE SHIP, INCLUDING THE CREW, WAS SITTING ON THE FLOOR. [ ] SAT WITH [ ], WHERE A "S" APPEARS ON THE AFOREMENTIONED MAP.

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ONE OF THE HIJACKERS WAS STANDING ON A TABLE IN THE CORNER OF THE ROOM. [ ] DESCRIBED THIS UNKNOWN SUBJECT, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS UNSUB TWO.

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[ ] IS SURE THAT SHE COULD RECOGNIZE UNSUB TWO IF SHE SAW

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HIM AGAIN.

UNSUB TWO WAS RAMBLING "AMERICA NO GOOD", "REAGAN NO GOOD",  
AND "PALESTINE GOOD". UNSUB TWO SAID THAT THE ISRAELIS HAD KILLED  
25 BABIES.

IT WAS VERY HOT. [ ] AND THE OTHERS WERE CRAMPED SITTING  
ON THE FLOOR. THE HIJACKERS AT THAT TIME WERE NOT ALLOWING ANYONE  
TO GO TO THE BATHROOM. ONE OF THE HIJACKERS HAD ONE OF THE CREW  
BRING UP SOME BOTTLED WATER, WHICH THE HOSTAGES PASSED AROUND.

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ANOTHER ONE OF THE HIJACKERS WAS WALKING BACK AND FORTH ON  
THE PERIMETER OF THE AREA IN WHICH EVERYONE WAS BEING KEPT, WHICH  
PERIMETER [ ] MARKED ON THE AFOREMENTIONED MAP.

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AT ABOUT 5:30 OR 6:00 P.M., THE CAPTAIN MADE AN ANNOUNCEMENT  
OVER THE INTERCOM FOR EVERYONE TO PROCEED TO THE ARAZZI LOUNGE.  
EVERYONE WAS ESCORTED AT ONCE TO THE LOUNGE WITH THE GUNMEN  
BEHIND.

ALL THE HOSTAGES WERE SEATED IN CHAIRS IN THE LOUNGE IN AN  
AREA MARKED BY A NUMBER TWO ON THE AFOREMENTIONED MAP. THERE WERE  
ALWAYS TWO GUNMEN MARCHING BACK AND FORTH IN THE LOUNGE. ONE WAS

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UNSUB TWO. THE OTHER, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS UNSUB THREE.

[ ] NOTICED THAT BOTH OF THESE GUNMEN HAD HANDY-TALKIES, ABOUT SIX INCHES TALL, THREE INCHES WIDE, WITH AN ANTENNA OF ABOUT TWO TO THREE INCHES IN LENGTH. [ ] SAW THE OTHER HIJACKERS WITH HAND-TALKIES ALSO. IN ADDITION, EACH HIJACKER HAD ONE MACHINE GUN, FOUR HAND GRENADES HOOKED ON HIS BELT IN THE FRONT AND TWO PISTOLS IN THEIR PANTS IN THE BACK.

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ANYONE WHO WANTED TO GO TO THE BATHROOM WAS ALLOWED TO LINE UP; HOWEVER, THE PERSON NEXT IN LINE HAD TO WAIT UNTIL THE PERSON BEFORE HIM HAD RETURNED.

IN ANY EVENT, THE LINES BECAME SO LONG THAT ONE OF THE HIJACKERS GOT SOME PLASTIC BAGS AND BLANKETS AND TOLD THE MEN TO URINATE IN THEM. THE BAGS AND BLANKETS WERE PLACED BEHIND THE CURTAIN WHICH COVERED THE BAND AREA IN THE CENTER OF THE FLOOR.

ABOUT 8:30 OR 9:00 P.M., UNSUB THREE ASKED FOR THE PASSPORTS OF EVERYONE. UNSUB THREE COLLECTED THE PASSPORTS OF THE AMERICANS AND THE BRITISH PASSENGERS. THEREAFTER, THEY PUT THE AMERICAN PASSENGERS IN THE CORNER MARKED BY AN "A" ON THE AFOREMENTIONED



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MAP AND THE BRITISH IN A CORNER MARKED "B" ON THE MAP.

UNSUB THREE TOLD ALL THE AMERICANS, 12 OF THEM AT THAT TIME, "NO TOILET, NO FUME". ONE HOUR LATER, UNSUB THREE SAID THAT THEY COULD GO. UNSUB TWO, SITTING NEXT TO THE AREA IN WHICH THE BRITISH WERE BEING HELD WOULD ALLOW THE PASSENGERS TO GO. UNSUB TWO'S POSITION IN THE ARAZZI LOUNGE IS DENOTED AS NUMBER THREE ON THE AFOREMENTIONED MAP.

A LITTLE BEFORE MIDNIGHT, THE CREW WENT DOWNSTAIRS ESCORTED BY ONE OF THE HIJACKERS AND CAME UP WITH SANDWICHES, FRUIT AND WATER. THERE WERE ALWAYS TWO GUARDS IN THE LOUNGE, SOMETIMES THREE, AND ALWAYS ONE ON THE BRIDGE.

THE PASSENGERS STAYED IN THE ARAZZI LOUNGE ALL NIGHT IN THEIR CHAIRS.

AT ABOUT 1:00 P.M., THE FOLLOWING DAY, THE HIJACKERS ORDERED THE 12 AMERICANS TO COME WITH THEM. MARILYN KLINGHOFFER PROTESTED THAT HER HUSBAND WAS IN A WHEELCHAIR AND COULD NOT COME AND SHE  
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~~MAIN SALON, IT HOSTAGE TAKING, OO: WFO~~ **TERREP EXCLUSIVE SPECAT**

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SHIP "ACHILLE LAURO" ON OCTOBER 12, 1985.

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WANTED TO STAY WITH HIM. THE HIJACKERS TOLD HER NOT TO WORRY AND THAT THEY WOULD TAKE CARE OF HIM.

THE HIJACKERS TOOK THE 11 OTHER AMERICANS, MR. KLINGHOFFER REMAINING BEHIND, TO A PLATFORM RIGHT IN FRONT OF THE SHIP'S BRIDGE. THEY WERE SEATED, SPACED ABOUT SIX FEET APART. THERE WERE TWO 25 GALLON CANS OF DIESEL FUEL ON EITHER WING OF THE GROUP. A FEW MINUTES LATER, THE HIJACKERS BROUGHT FOUR BRITISH GIRLS AND PUT THEM ON A LOWER LEVEL RIGHT BELOW THE LEVEL UPON WHICH THE AMERICANS WERE KEPT. THERE WAS NO RAILING PROTECTING EITHER THE AMERICANS OR THE BRITISH.

ONE OF THE HIJACKERS TOLD THE AMERICANS AND BRITAINS THAT IF THE HIJACKERS DID NOT GET THE RELEASE OF 50 PALESTINIAN PRISONERS, THEY WERE GOING TO KILL THE AMERICANS AND BRITISH.

WHILE THE AMERICANS AND THE BRITAINS WERE SITTING THERE, [REDACTED] HEARD TWO SHOTS. A FEW MINUTES AFTER THAT, SHE HEARD A BIG SPLASH IN THE WATER. THE BOAT AT THE TIME WAS STANDING STILL.

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[REDACTED] ADVISED THAT THE SHIP'S CAPTAIN AND OFFICER SAW THE MURDER. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED], ONE OF THE PALESTINIANS, A LITTLE

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INDIVIDUAL, SLAPPED KLINGHOFFER AND KLINGHOFFER BIT THE HIJACKER ON THE ARM.

AFTER HEARING THE SHOTS, ONE OF THE HIJACKERS SAID THERE WERE NEGOTIATIONS AND THAT THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR AND [ ] BELIEVES THE ITALIAN AMBASSADOR OR THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR WERE COMING TO TALK TO THEM AND THAT THE HIJACKERS MIGHT GET WHAT THEY WANT. IF THEY DID NOT, THE AMERICANS AND BRITISH WOULD BE KILLED.

THE AMERICANS AND BRITISH WERE THERE FOR THREE AND A HALF HOURS. UNSUB TWO WAS GIVING THE BRITISH GIRLS CIGARETTES AND CANDY AND TOLD ONE OF THE BRITISH GIRLS THAT HE LOVED HER.

[ ] ADVISED THAT SHE NEVER SAW THE HIJACKERS SLEEP NOR EAT AND BELIEVES THAT THEY WERE ON DRUGS.

FINALLY, [ ] OBSERVED THAT UNSUB TWO WAS THE KINDEST OF THE HIJACKERS. AT ONE POINT, ONE OF THE HIJACKERS, THE LITTLE ONE, HAD TAKEN A WATCH AWAY FROM KLINGHOFFER AND GAVE IT TO UNSUB TWO. UNSUB TWO GAVE THE WATCH BACK TO KLINGHOFFER AND INSTRUCTED THE AMERICANS TO HIDE THEIR JEWELRY.

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~~REQUEST OF THE BUREAU:~~

~~THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO FURNISH ABOVE INFORMATION TO~~  
~~LEGAT, ROME AND LEGAT, BONN.~~

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MESSAGE RELAY VIA TELETYPE  
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atDate: 10-19-85

PRECEDENCE:

☐ IMMEDIATE☒ PRIORITY☐ ROUTINE

FM: DIRECTOR, FBI

TO:

Legati Rome

☐ White House/WH/☐ Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms/BATF/☐ Central Intelligence Agency/CIA/☐ CIA DCD/DCD/☐ Dept. of Energy HQS/DOEHQ/☐ Dept. of Energy Germantown DIV/DOE/☐ Dept. of Justice/DOJ/☐ Dept. of State/DOS/☐ Dept. of the Army/DA/☐ Dept. of Treasury/DOT/☐ Defense Intelligence Agency/DIA/☐ Director National Security Agency/NSA/☐ Director Naval Investigative Service/DIRNAVINSERV/☐ Drug Enforcement Admin./DEA/☐ FAA Washington HQ/FAA/☐ HQ AFOSI Bolling AFBDC/AFOSI/☐ INSCOM Ft. Meade/INSCOM/☐ Nuclear Regulatory Commission/NRC/☐ U.S. Customs Service/UCS/☐ U.S. Immigration & Naturalization Service/INS/☐ U.S. Secret Service/USSS/☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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For: \_\_\_\_\_

Main Salvo

Subject: \_\_\_\_\_

☒ See AttachedApproved By: FC/eng

Originator: \_\_\_\_\_

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~~TO DIRECTOR PRIORITY~~

~~WASHINGTON FIELD (256-2) PRIORITY~~

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MAIN SALON; HOSTAGE TAKING-TERRORISM; OO: WFO

DENVER OFFICE (256-1) ADVISED BY TELETYPE OCTOBER 19, 1985, AS FOLLOWS:

THIS COMMUNICATION IS CLASSIFIED "~~SECRET~~" IN ITS ENTIRETY.

RE WFO TELETYPE TO BUREAU, DATED OCTOBER 8, 1985,

CAPTIONED AS ABOVE.

(S) [REDACTED] HAS PROVIDED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE SEIZURE OF THE ITALIAN CRUISE SHIP "ACHILLE LAURO".

ASSET ADVISED MOHAMMAD ABU EL ABBAS IS A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION (PLO). HE IS ALSO THE HEAD OF ONE OF THE DIVISIONS THAT HAS ORIGINALLY SPLIT FROM THE PALESTINIAN LIBERATION FRONT (PLF).

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ABBAS SPLIT FROM THE ORIGINAL PLF, HOWEVER, HE MAINTAINS THE SAME NAME FOR HIS ORGANIZATION. ABBAS JOINED FORCES WITH YASIR ARAFAT WHEN HE, ABBAS, SPLIT FROM THE ORIGINAL PLF. THE ORIGINAL PLF IS HEADED BY TALAT YACOUB WHO JOINED THE UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION, THE PALESTINIAN NATIONAL SALVATION FRONT (PNSF). MEMBERS OF THE PNSF OPPOSE YASIR ARAFAT.

ASSET STATED ARAFAT AND HIS FATAH ORGANIZATION HAVE CLOSE TIES WITH IRAQ. THE PLO, THE UMBRELLA FOR ALL PALESTINIAN COMMANDO ORGANIZATIONS, ALSO HAS CLOSE TIES WITH IRAQ.

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ASSET BELIEVES THAT YASIR ARAFAT AND FATAH PLANNED A  
COMMANDO OPERATION TO TAKE PLACE IN ISRAEL BY THE FOUR  
PALESTINIAN HIJACKERS AND COORDINATE THE ACTIVITIES WITH  
ABBAS. ASSET FEELS THAT ARAFAT, POLITICALLY, HAS ARRIVED AT  
MANY DEAD ENDS IN HIS POLITICAL MANEUVERS TO ACHIEVE SOME  
VICTORY FOR THE PALESTINIANS, SUCH AS AN INDEPENDENT STATE IN  
THE WEST BANK AND GHAZA.

ASSET ALSO ADVISED ARAFAT'S PROBLEMS BECAME EVEN MORE  
COMPLICATED WHEN ISRAEL BOMBED ARAFAT'S HEADQUARTERS IN TUNISIA.  
ARAFAT THREATENED HE WOULD RETALIATE. ASSET BELIEVES ARAFAT  
WILL TRY TO CONDUCT OTHER COMMANDO OPERATIONS IN HOPES OF  
FORCING THE UNITED STATES AND THE WORLD COMMUNITY TO OFFER THE  
PALESTINIANS AN ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION.

~~REQUEST OF THE BUREAU~~

~~DISSEMINATE TELETYPE TO LEGAT ROME~~

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~~C BY G-3; D ON OADR.~~

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MESSAGE RELAY VIA TELETYPE  
(RESTRICTED USE)

Date: 10-15-85

PRECEDENCE:

☒ IMMEDIATE☐ PRIORITY☐ ROUTINE

FM: DIRECTOR, FBI

TO: Legat Bonn  
Rome☐ White House/WH/☐ Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms/BATF/☐ Central Intelligence Agency/CIA/☐ CIA DCD/DCD/☐ Dept. of Energy HQS/DOEHQ/☐ Dept. of Energy Germantown DIV/DOE/☐ Dept. of Justice/DOJ/☐ Dept. of State/DOS/☐ Dept. of the Army/DA/☐ Dept. of Treasury/DOT/☐ Defense Intelligence Agency/DIA/☐ Director National Security Agency/NSA/☐ Director Naval Investigative Service/DIRNAVINSERV/☐ Drug Enforcement Admin./DEA/☐ FAA Washington HQ/FAA/☐ HQ AFOSI Bolling AFBDC/AFOSI/☐ INSCOM Ft. Meade/INSCOM/☐ Nuclear Regulatory Commission/NRC/☐ U.S. Customs Service/UCS/☐ U.S. Immigration & Naturalization Service/INS/☐ U.S. Secret Service/USSS/☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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Subject: MAIN SALON☒ See Attached

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_

Originator: \_\_\_\_\_

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5. **Subject** - Type or print the subject in the space provided or check "see attached" if subject is identical to attached message.
6. **Originator's Boxes** - Type or print the originator's name, telephone extension, room number, and division.
7. **Approved By Box** - Indicate approval for transmission by initialing the approved by box. Note: The person approving the message is solely responsible for assuring all necessary editing changes are accurate and are legible.

### Preparation of Message To Be Transmitted

1. **Duplicate Copy & Notations** - Xerox 1 copy of the incoming teletype message. A notation shall be made on the original incoming teletype indicating one copy made for relay to SACS \_\_\_\_\_, (or LEGATS) \_\_\_\_\_, (or Government Agencies) \_\_\_\_\_.
2. **Editing of Duplicate Copy (Heading)** - Using a lead pencil ONLY draw single lines through the first and last lines of the message heading; connect these lines from top right to bottom left forming a "Z" figure. **(Do Not Obliterate the Heading)**
3. **Editing Changes to the Text** - (See Restrictions on Use, item 4)
4. **Administrative Data** - Type or print administrative data immediately following the text.

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SECTION ONE OF TWO

~~MAIN SALON; IT HOSTAGE TAKING; OO: WFO~~

INTERAGENCY DEBRIEFING OF HOSTAGES ON BOARD THE ITALIAN CRUISE  
SHIP "LE ACHILLE LAURO" ON OCTOBER 12, 1985.

THIS COMMUNICATION IS CLASSIFIED ~~"SECRET"~~ IN ITS ENTIRETY.

ON OCTOBER 12, 1985, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE INTERAGENCY  
HOSTAGE DEBRIEFING GROUP INTERVIEWED THE FOLLOWING HOSTAGES WHO  
HAD BEEN RELEASED FROM CAPTIVITY FROM THE ACHILLE LAURO.

SUMMARY RESULTS OF INTERVIEW FOLLOW:

... AND TOLD THE ... TO ... TO THE LOWER DECK ...  
AFTER A SHORT WHILE THE CAPTAIN ANNOUNCED OVER THE ...  
... THAT ALL PASSENGERS WERE TO REPORT TO THE DINING AREA.  
ONCE ARRIVING IN THE DINING ROOM THEY WERE CONTROLLED BY TWO OR  
THREE TERRORISTS WHO INSTRUCTED THEM TO SIT ON THE FLOOR AND  
REMAIN QUIET. DURING THE COMOTION OF NEW PASSENGERS ARRIVING,  
THE TERRORISTS WERE VOCALIZING THEIR DISCONTENTMENT WITH THE  
U.S. AND PRESIDENT REAGAN AND MANY TIMES STATED PRO-PLO CHANTS.  
THEY WERE KEPT IN THE DINING ROOM FOR THREE HOURS AND THEN WERE  
TAKEN UP TO THE LOUNGE AREA WHERE THEY WERE SEPARATED ACCORDING  
TO NATIONALITY. THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED BY COLLECTING PASSPORTS  
AND SEGREGATING ACCORDINGLY. DURING THIS TIME, THEY WERE NEVER  
SEARCHED AND THEY WERE NOT ALLOWED TO GO TO THEIR ROOMS EXCEPT  
FOR THOSE WHO NEEDED MEDICINE, WHO WERE ESCORTED INDIVIDUALLY  
TO THEIR ROOMS. DURING THE PERIOD OF TIME THEY WERE KEPT IN THE

ONE TELL TOLD THE AMERICAN AND FOUR OTHER PASSENGERS, WHO WERE A PART OF THE SHIP'S ENTERTAINMENT, WERE ESCORTED TO THE SHIP'S BOW AND EVENLY SPACED ON THE DECK. THE TERRORISTS REQUESTED BARRELS OF KEROSENE BUT WERE ONLY ABLE TO OBTAIN DIESEL FUEL, WHICH WAS PLACED IN THEIR VICINITY. [REDACTED]

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STATED THAT THEY WERE REQUIRED TO STAY IN A SITTING POSITION FOR APPROXIMATELY THREE AND ONE-HALF HOURS AND WERE GUARDED BY ONE TERRORIST AND AT TIMES TWO. DURING THIS TIME, SHE THOUGHT SHE MAY HAVE HEARD A GUNSHOT FOLLOWED BY A SPLASH. PRIOR TO THEIR BEING TAKEN TO THE BOW OF THE SHIP, MRS. KLINGHOFFER PLEADED WITH THE TERRORISTS TO ALLOW HER HUSBAND TO REMAIN WITH THE GROUP OR TO ALLOW HER TO REMAIN WITH HER HUSBAND. THIS WAS NOT ALLOWED BY THE TERRORISTS AND THEY ASSURED MRS. KLINGHOFFER THAT HER HUSBAND WOULD BE TAKEN CARE OF. SHE ADVISED THAT ALL THE TERRORISTS CARRIED WEAPONS SIMILAR TO MACHINE GUNS, HANDGUNS, AND GRENADES. SHE ALWAYS FELT AS IF HER LIFE WAS THREATENED

THE HOSTAGES WERE THEN TAKEN BACK TO A SEPARATE ROOM WHERE THEY WERE BROUGHT SANDWICHES AND COFFEE. AFTER A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME THEY WERE TAKEN BACK TO THE LOUNGE. THEY WERE TOLD BY THE HOSTAGES FROM THE OTHER COUNTRIES THAT THEY UNDERSTOOD THAT THE AMERICAN HOSTAGES WERE GOING TO BE SHOT. THE AMERICAN HOSTAGES WERE THEN SENT BACK TO THEIR CORNER OF THE LOUNGE. AT ONE POINT DURING THIS ORDEAL, [REDACTED] WAS ONE OF THE THREE WOMEN WHO WERE TOLD TO SIT IN A CIRCLE ON A PLATFORM. SHE DID NOT KNOW WHAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN TO HER, BUT NOTHING HAPPENED OTHER THAN BEING TOLD TO SIT IN A CIRCLE BEFORE SHE AND THE OTHER TWO WOMEN WERE SENT BACK TO THEIR GROUP. AT SOME POINT SHE HEARD THAT THE

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... KILLED BECAUSE ... HAD ... KILLING TAKE PLACE. SHE BELIEVES THIS WAS PART OF THE ... SHE MENTIONED THAT THE FOUR BRITISH FEMALES WERE PRETTY TERRORIZED DURING THE WHOLE SITUATION. WHEN MRS. KLINGHOFFER ASKED WHETHER SHE COULD SEE HER HUSBAND SHE WAS TOLD SHE COULD NOT SEE HIM. SHE WAS TOLD HE MIGHT BE IN THE HOSPITAL. AT NO TIME BEFORE THE END OF THE ORDEAL, DID SHE THINK THAT MRS. KLINGHOFFER WAS SURE THAT HER HUSBAND HAD BEEN KILLED.

— THE TERRORISTS GUARDED THE HOSTAGES SINGLY OR WITH TWO GUARDS. SHE NEVER REMEMBERED SEEING MORE THAN THREE OF THE TERRORISTS. THERE WAS NO NOTICEABLE ROUTINE TO THEIR RELIEVING EACH OTHER. SHE NEVER SAW THEM EAT ANYTHING AND SHE DOES NOT BELIEVE THEY SLEPT MUCH AT ALL. SHE HEARD FROM THE CREW THAT THEY WERE USING DOPE AT NIGHT. THE TERRORISTS NEVER MADE ANY REFERENCE TO A LEADER OR LEADERS OFF OF THE SHIP. THEY COMMUNICATED BY WALKIE-TALKIE AND DID NOT SEEM



OLD THE TERRORISTS' HOSTILITY AND THAT THEY BECAME LESS NOTICEABLE  
BUT THAT SHE DID NOT NOTICE ANY SIGN OF FAITHFUL. SHE SAID THEY  
SPOKE FAIRLY GOOD ENGLISH BUT DID NOT SEEM TOO WELL EDUCATED.

[REDACTED] STATED THAT THE TERRORISTS CALLED EACH OTHER BY  
NAME BUT THAT THE ONLY NAME SHE COULD RECALL WAS THAT ONE SOUNDED  
LIKE "WOOD". OF THE THREE TERRORISTS SCHNEIDER HAD CONTACT WITH  
SHE IDENTIFIES WITH THEM AS ONE BEING "WOOD", THE SECOND BEING THE  
MEANEST AND THE THIRD BEING A YOUNGER MAN WITH A MUSTACHE WHO  
USUALLY DISPLAYED SIGNS OF KINDNESS AND SYMPATHY. [REDACTED] WAS  
UNABLE TO ASCERTAIN A LEADER BUT THAT IN TALKING WITH OTHER  
HOSTAGES BELIEVES SHE IDENTIFIES AS BEING THE MEANEST COULD POSSIBLY  
HAVE BEEN THE PERSON IN CHARGE. THE ONLY DESCRIPTION SHE COULD  
PROVIDE WAS THAT THE MEANER WAS SHORTER AND WELL DRESSED. THE  
MORE COMPASSIONATE WAS ABOUT 5'10", WORE LEVIS AND NO OTHER  
DISTINCTIVE CLOTHING. A THIRD INDIVIDUAL SHE REMEMBERS BEING ABOUT  
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~~TO DIRECTOR (PRIORITY)~~

~~MIAMI (PRIORITY)~~

~~NEW YORK (PRIORITY)~~

~~WFO (PRIORITY)~~

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MAIN SALON; IT-HOSTAGE TAKING; OO: WFO

INTERAGENCY DEBRIEFING OF HOSTAGES ON BOARD THE ITALIAN CRUISE

SHIP "LE ACHILLE LAURO" ON OCTOBER 12, 1985.

OTHER JACK DIRECTLY AHEAD OF A SMALL BOAT...  
PLC. OTHER THAN THE ONE...  
BY THE TERRORISTS, THE ONLY OTHER...  
BARRELS THAT COULD HAVE BEEN...  
BOOBY-TRAPS OR ANY OTHER DEFENSIVE PROTECTION BY THE TERRORISTS.

[REDACTED] WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY COMMUNICATION DEVICES OTHER THAN  
THE SHIP'S INTERCOM, RADIO AND WALKIE-TALKIES. SHE NOTICED NO  
COOPERATION BY THE CREW OR CAPTAIN OTHER THAN THAT WHICH WAS  
COERCED WITH THE TERRORISTS. IN FACT SHE DESCRIBED THE CAPTAIN  
AS BEING MARVELOUS THROUGH THE WHOLE ORDEAL. SHE AND THE OTHER  
HOSTAGES WERE ASSURED THAT NOTHING OF THEIRS WOULD BE STOLEN, BUT  
AT THE END OF THE ORDEAL SHE FOUND THAT JEWELRY AND MONEY OF HERS  
HAD BEEN TAKEN FROM THE SHIP'S PURSER'S OFFICE.

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~~ADMINISTRATIVE:~~

~~RE: NEWARK TELETYPE TO BUREAU, OCTOBER 12, 1985.~~

AND COPIES OF FD-302 TO INTERPOL OFFICE.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU:

THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO FURNISH ABOVE INFORMATION TO LEGAT,  
ROME AND LEGAT, SOVA.

DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION HEREIN TO U.S. INTELLIGENCE  
COMMUNITY BEING LEFT TO THE DISCRETION OF BUREAU AND WFO.

C BY G-3; DECL ON OADR

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MESSAGE RELAY VIA TELETYPE  
(RESTRICTED USE)Date: 10-16-85 PRECEDENCE: ☒ IMMEDIATE ☐ PRIORITY ☐ ROUTINE 0195

FM: DIRECTOR, FBI

TO: Legat Rome, Bern 7p2

- ☒ White House/WH/
- ☐ Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms/BATF/
- ☐ Central Intelligence Agency/CIA/
- ☐ CIA DCD/DCD/
- ☐ Dept. of Energy HQS/DOEHQ/
- ☐ Dept. of Energy Germantown DIV/DOE/
- ☐ Dept. of Justice/DOJ/
- ☐ Dept. of State/DOS/
- ☐ Dept. of the Army/DA/
- ☐ Dept. of Treasury/DOT/
- ☐ Defense Intelligence Agency/DIA/
- ☐ Director National Security Agency/NSA/
- ☐ Director Naval Investigative Service/DIRNAVINSERV/
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- ☐ FAA Washington HQ/FAA/
- ☐ HQ AFOSI Bolling AFBDC/AFOSI/
- ☐ INSCOM Ft. Meade/INSCOM/
- ☐ Nuclear Regulatory Commission/NRC/
- ☐ U.S. Customs Service/UCS/
- ☐ U.S. Immigration & Naturalization Service/INS/
- ☐ U.S. Secret Service/USSS/
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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Classification: ~~Secret~~

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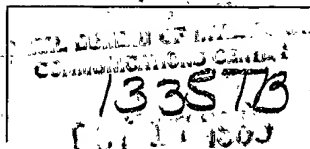
For: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject: \_\_\_\_\_ 256-12-80☒ See Attached

Approved By: <u>[Signature]</u>	Originator: <u>[Signature]</u>	Tele Ext. <u>4575</u>	Room/Div.: <u>4239/6</u>
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FM: FBI, WASHINGTON FIELD (256-2) (P)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI IMMEDIATE

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① MAIN SALON; HOSTAGE TAKING TOURS-TERRORISM; (OO:WFO).

THIS COMMUNICATION IS CLASSIFIED "~~SECRET~~" IN ITS ENTIRETY.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF RECEIVING OFFICES, ACCORDING TO US DEPARTMENT OF STATE, FROM AMERICAN EMBASSY, CAIRO, IT WAS LEARNED THAT A FEMALE PHOTO JOURNALIST WHO REPORTEDLY WORKED WITH THE ACHILLE LAURO IN GENOA, ITALY, TOOK A PHOTO OF A PERSON CLAIMING TO BE GREEK, IDENTIFIED ONLY AS [REDACTED] AND THREE OF HIS "ARAB LOOKING" FRIENDS. [REDACTED] DESCRIBED AS SHORT, DARK, THICK GLASSES, EYES THAT LOOK IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS, AND SPEAKING IN FRENCH AND ENGLISH. [REDACTED] REPORTEDLY TOOK EARLIER CRUISES WITH

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ACHILLE LAURO, POSSIBLY TWO TRIPS PREVIOUS TO THE MOST CURRENT ONE.

FOR ADDITIONAL LEAD VALUE, INDICATIONS ARE THAT THE SHIP'S  
PURSER, SENTOS FICL, MAY HAVE INFORMATION REGARDING HIJACKERS.

ON 10/15/85, INFORMATION RECEIVED AT FBIHQ CONCERNING [ ]

[ ] WHO WAS INTERVIEWED BY FRENCH PRESS AND ADVISED  
THAT THE [ ] FOR THE ITALIAN CRUISE SHIP HAD POSSIBLY  
WITNESSED THE MURDER OF LEON KLINGHOFFER. [ ] ALSO TOLD  
THE PRESS THAT ANOTHER PASSENGER ON THE SHIP, [ ] OF WEST  
GERMANY, HAD TOLD HIM SHE WAS ALONE IN THE SHIP'S INFIRMARY TUESDAY  
AFTERNOON. IT WAS CLAIMED THAT KLINGHOFFER WAS SUPPOSEDLY IN THE  
INFIRMARY THAT DAY. [ ] IS POSSIBLY IN VIENNA, AUSTRIA.

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ADDITIONALLY, [ ] AKA [ ], PALESTINIAN,  
WAS ARRESTED IN GENOA ON 9/28/85 IN POSSESSION OF TWO FALSE  
PASSPORTS. NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS KNOWN ABOUT THIS INDIVIDUAL.

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~~THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO FORWARD THIS TELETYPE TO APPROPRIATE~~  
~~LEGATS AS WELL AS A COPY TO U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, OFFICE OF~~  
~~SECURITY, SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS BRANCH, ATT: SA [ ]~~

LEADS. LEGAT DIVISION. AT LEGAT ROME. 1) WILL INTERVIEW  
[ ] SHIP'S PURSER, ACHILLE LAURO, RE ANY INFORMATION  
HE MAY HAVE REGARDING THE HIJACKERS.

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2) WILL IDENTIFY HAIRDRESSER FOR ACHILLE LAURO AND THEREAFTER INTERVIEW REGARDING HER/HIS KNOWLEDGE OF MURDER OF KLINGHOFFER.

3) WILL IDENTIFY FEMALE PHOTO JOURNALISTS REPORTEDLY WORKING FOR ACHILLE LAURO AND THEREAFTER INTERVIEW REGARDING HER TAKING A PICTURE OF PETROS AND HIS 3 "ARAB LOOKING" MALE FRIENDS. WILL ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN THE PHOTO.

4) THROUGH ACHILLE LAURO PERSONNEL AND/OR FEMALE PHOTO JOURNALIST WILL IDENTIFY (FNU) PETROS AND CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION.

5) WILL CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION THROUGH GENOA AUTHORITIES REGARDING [REDACTED] WHO WAS ARRESTED ON 9/28/85 AT GENO FOR POSSESSION OF FALSE PASSPORTS. IF FEASIBLE, INTERVIEW [REDACTED] RE KNOWLEDGE AND/OR INVOLVEMENT IN HIJACKING.

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LEGAT DIVISION. AT BERN, SWITZERLAND. WILL INTERVIEW [REDACTED] [REDACTED] POSSIBLY IN VIENNA, AUSTRIA, RE HIS KNOWLEDGE OF KLINGHOFFER'S DEATH.

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AS FBIHQ IS AWARE, WFO INVESTIGATIVE TEAM IS CURRENTLY IN  
ROME FOR THE PURPOSE OF GAINING INVESTIGATIVE ACCESS TO THE SHIP  
"ACHILLE LAURO" FOR CRIME SCENE EXAMINATION, INTERVIEW ACCESS TO  
CREW AND APPROPRIATE WITNESSES ABOARD THE "ACHILLE LAURO", AND  
TO SECURE INTERVIEWS WITH FOUR PALESTINIAN TERRORIST HIJACKERS  
INCARCERATED BY ITALIAN AUTHORITIES.

IN FURTHERANCE OF THESE OBJECTIVES LEGAT ROME HAS INITIATED

CONTACT WITH THE FOLLOWING ITALIAN LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES:

ITALIAN NATIONAL POLICE; AND

ITALIAN MAGISTRATES ENGAGED IN THE PROSECUTION/INVESTIGATION  
OF THIS MATTER. EACH OF THESE ENTITIES HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF WFO

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INVESTIGATIVE TEAM NEEDS AND HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE/ACCESS SO THAT THOSE NEEDS CAN BE FULFILLED.

IN ADDITION TO LEGAT ROME'S INITIATIVES, THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO ITALY IN ROME HAS GIVEN NOTICE TO OFFICIALS OF THE ITALIAN MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AND MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, ADVISING THEM OF THE PURPOSE OF WFO INVESTIGATIVE TEAM'S PRESENCE IN ITALY AND OF U.S. JURISDICTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES OVER THIS INCIDENT.

FBIHQ SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THE "ACHILLE LAURO" INCIDENT IS POLITICALLY EXTREMELY SENSITIVE AND THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT IS PROCEEDING VERY CAUTIOUSLY. THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT'S RELEASE OF ABU EL-ABBAS HAS CREATED AN UPROAR AND THE CURRENT GOVERNMENT'S POLITICAL OPPOSITION HAS UNDERTAKEN TO MAKE A MAJOR ISSUE OF THIS INCIDENT. CONTINUED FALLOUT OVER THIS MATTER COULD CONCEIVABLY LEAD TO THE FALL OF THE CURRENT GOVERNMENT.

WITH THESE DEVELOPMENTS IN MIND, THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT IS JUSTIFYING ITS LACK OF SUPPORT AND INACTION BY CITING THE ITALIAN JUDICIAL SECRECY ACT AS PREVENTING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION REGARDING THIS CASE. THE JUDICIAL SECRECY ACT COMPELS AUTHORITIES TO SAFEGUARD ACCESS TO AND RESULTS OF INVESTIGATIONS. LEGAT ROME, HOWEVER, IS AWARE OF SEVERAL INSTANCES WHEREIN THE ITALIANS HAVE

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WAIVED THIS LAW AND PROVIDED INFORMATION WHEN IT WAS IN THEIR INTERESTS TO DO SO. THE HIGH PROFILE OF THIS INCIDENT HAS MADE IT EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR ITALIAN OFFICIALS TO GO ON RECORD WAIVING THIS LAW AND THEY ARE RELUCTANT TO COMMIT THEMSELVES. ALL ITALIAN AUTHORITIES INVOLVED IN THIS MATTER HAVE BEEN FULLY MADE AWARE OF OUTSTANDING U.S. GOVERNMENT WARRANTS FOR THE SUBJECTS AND FBI INVESTIGATIVE JURISDICTION.

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FOR THE INFORMATION OF FBIHQ, THE FOUR PALESTINIAN TERRORISTS ARRESTED BY THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM SICILY BY ITALIAN AUTHORITIES AND ARE CURRENTLY BEING LODGED IN A SECURE FACILITY IN THE UMBRIA REGION WHICH IS NORTH OF ROME ABOUT HALF-WAY TO GENOA. ITALIAN PROSECUTION WILL EVENTUALLY TAKE PLACE IN

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GENOA WHICH IS THE PORT FROM WHICH THE "ACHILLE LAURO" SET SAIL BEFORE THE HIJACKING. IN ORDER FOR WFO INVESTIGATIVE TEAM TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE SUBJECTS FOR INTERVIEW IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO GAIN THE AUTHORITY OF THE LOCAL ITALIAN MAGISTRATE HANDLING THE CASE. EFFORTS IN THIS REGARD ARE ONGOING WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE AMERICAN CONSUL GENERAL IN GENOA.

AS FBIHQ KNOWS, A BODY, BELIEVED TO BE THAT OF LEON KLINGHOFFER, WASHED ASHORE NEAR TARTUS, SYRIA, AND IS CURRENTLY UNDER THE CONTROL OF SYRIAN OFFICIALS. THE BODY WAS MISSING ONE OF ITS ARMS, WAS MISSING FALSE TEETH, AND WAS REPORTED TO BE IN BAD CONDITION. PER BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS, IN AN EFFORT TO ASSIST IN MAKING POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION OF THESE REMAINS, SA [REDACTED] OF THE WFO INVESTIGATIVE TEAM IN ROME WAS DISPATCHED THIS DATE TO DAMASCUS, SYRIA, CARRYING FINGERPRINT CARDS AND A PHOTOGRAPH OF MR. KLINGHOFFER TO PROVIDE SAME TO SYRIAN OFFICIALS TO ASSIST IN THE IDENTIFICATION PROCESS. IT HAS BEEN LEARNED THAT THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS AGREED WITH THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT THAT THE REMAINS OF MR. KLINGHOFFER WILL BE TRANSPORTED TO ROME FOR COMPLETE AUTOPSY AND PATHOLOGICAL EXAMINATION. REPORTEDLY, THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY PERFORMED AN AUTOPSY AND DESIRES

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THAT THE BODY BE EMBALMED PRIOR TO BEING TRANSPORTED OUT OF SYRIA. UNCONFIRMED REPORTS ALSO INDICATE THAT ITALIAN MAGISTRATES ARE TRAVELING TO DAMASCUS TO CONDUCT EXAMINATION OF THE BODY. SA  WILL REMAIN IN SYRIA AND ACCOMPANY THE BODY TO ROME AND WITNESS THE AUTOPSY.

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THE "ACHILLE LAURO" IS SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME TO RETURN TO GENOA, ITALY, DURING THE AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER 16, 1985. THE OWNERS OF THE "ACHILLE LAURO" ARE REPORTEDLY IN FINANCIAL DIFFICULTY AS A RESULT OF THE HIJACKING AND ARE ANXIOUS TO HAVE THE "ACHILLE LAURO" SET SAIL THE FOLLOWING MORNING, OCTOBER 17, 1985, TO RESUME ANOTHER SCHEDULED TEN-DAY CRUISE. REPORTEDLY, 600 PEOPLE ARE AWAITING TO BOARD THE "ACHILLE LAURO" IN GENOA AND BEGIN A CRUISE. APPARENTLY LODGING IS LIMITED IN GENOA AND IF THESE PEOPLE DO NOT BEGIN THE CRUISE AS SCHEDULED, IT WILL CAUSE SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS. THE SAILING SCHEDULE FOR THE "ACHILLE LAURO" IS AS FOLLOWS:

DEPART GENOA ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1985, AT 16:30; .

GENOA, OCTOBER 17, 1985;

NAPLES, OCTOBER 17-18, 1985;

ALEXANDRIA, OCTOBER 22, 1985;

PORT SAID, OCTOBER 22, 1985;

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ASHOD, OCTOBER 23, 1985;

LIMASOL, OCTOBER 24, 1985;

RHODES, OCTOBER 25, 1985;

CYPRUS, OCTOBER 25, 1985;

PIRAEUS, OCTOBER 25, 1985;

CAPRI, OCTOBER 26, 1985;

GENOA, OCTOBER 27-28, 1985, ARRIVAL MONDAY OCTOBER 28, 1985.

BASED UPON THE INFORMATION SET FORTH ABOVE, WFO INVESTIGATIVE TEAM IS EXPLORING, THROUGH AMERICAN CONSUL GENERAL IN GENOA, THE POSSIBILITY OF HAVING A TEAM OF FOUR AGENTS BOARD THE "ACHILLE LAURO" IN GENOA AND ATTEMPT TO COMPLETE INVESTIGATION DURING THE SHIP'S CRUISE. IT WOULD BE HOPED THAT NECESSARY INVESTIGATION COULD BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO THE SHIP'S ARRIVAL IN ALEXANDRIA ON OCTOBER 22, 1985, WITH POSSIBLE COMPLETION PRIOR TO THE SHIP'S DEPARTURE FROM NAPLES ON OCTOBER 18, 1985. UPON COMPLETION OF INVESTIGATIVE NEEDS, THE WFO TEAM WILL DISEMBARK AT THE NEXT PORT FOR RETURN TO ROME OR THE U.S. AS REQUIRED. IN THE EVENT THAT THE AMERICAN CONSUL GENERAL IN GENOA CAN OBTAIN MAGISTRATE APPROVAL, SECURE PERMISSION FROM THE SHIP'S OWNERS, AND BOOK PASSAGE ON THE SHIP, FBIHQ SHOULD CONSIDER THE DESIRABILITY OF UNDERTAKING

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THIS INITIATIVE, NOTING THAT FAILURE TO OBTAIN THE NECESSARY INVESTIGATION VIA THIS METHOD WOULD POSTPONE THE NEXT OPPORTUNITY FOR TEN DAYS.

IF AUTHORITY TO UNDERTAKE THE ABOVE INVESTIGATION CANNOT BE OBTAINED, WFO INVESTIGATIVE TEAM INTENDS TO RETURN HALF THE TEAM TO THE U.S. AND RETAIN HALF THE TEAM TO REMAIN AVAILABLE TO INTERVIEW THE SUBJECTS IF GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY IN THE NEAR TERM. IF DELAYS PERSIST IN THAT REGARD, FBIHQ WILL BE CONSULTED ON WHAT ACTION TO NEXT TAKE. THE ABOVE WAS DISCUSSED WITH FBIHQ COMMAND. CENTER THIS DATE.

FBIHQ WILL BE KEPT ADVISED AS TO DEVELOPMENTS.

FBIHQ RELAY THIS TELETYPE TO THE WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION.

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Date: 10/22/85

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FM: DIRECTOR, FBI

TO: FBI, WFO

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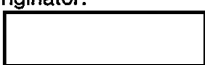
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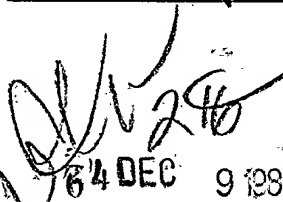
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WAS ACTUALLY CONSTITUTED. ITALIAN POLICE MADE NO INDEPENDENT  
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INTERAGENCY DEBRIEFING OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TELEPHONE NUMBER CE8-0591.

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ON OCTOBER 12, 1985, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE INTERAGENCY  
HOSTAGE DEBRIEFING GROUP INTERVIEWED [REDACTED], WHO HAD  
BEEN RELEASED FROM CAPTIVITY FROM THE ACHILLE LAURO. [REDACTED]  
WAS MOST COOPERATIVE AND THE RESULTS OF THE INTERVIEW ARE AS  
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[ ] FURNISHED INFORMATION CONCERNING THE TAKE  
OVER OF THE ACHILLE LAURO BY THE TERRORISTS. [ ] ALSO  
FURNISHED INFORMATION COVERING THE CONDUCT OF THE TERRORISTS  
WHILE THE SHIP WAS UNDER THEIR CONTROL, AS WELL AS A GENERAL  
DESCRIPTION OF THE TERRORISTS. [ ] COULD FURNISH NO DETAILS  
CONCERNING THE MURDER OF LEON KLINGHOFFER.

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BY TELETYPE DATED 10-20-85, WFO ADVISED

RE TELCALLS BETWEEN SA [REDACTED], WFO, AND

SSA [REDACTED] NEW YORK, ON 10-18-85, AND SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], WFO AND SSA [REDACTED], ON 10-19-85.

ARRANGMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR DELIVERY OF OFFICIAL  
CERTIFIED LETTERS OF ROGATORY AND TRANSLATION OF SAME FROM  
WASHINGTON, D.C., TO ROME ITALY, VIA TWA. TWA SUPERVISOR

[REDACTED] WILL ACCOMPANY SA [REDACTED] ON 10-20-85 AND  
PERSONALLY HAND-DELIVER ABOVE LETTERS TO PILOT OF TWA

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FLIGHT 744, DEPARTING WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT, SAME  
DATE, 3:35 P.M., ARRIVING NEW YORK KENNEDY AIRPORT AT 4:47 P.M.  
RESERVATIONS/FLIGHT SCHEDULES FOR TWA REFLECT FLIGHT NUMBER  
840 DEPARTING NEW YORK KENNEDY AIRPORT, ON 10/20/85, AT 6:45 P.M.,  
AND ARRIVING ROME, ITALY, 8:00 A.M. (ROME TIME), ON 10-21-85.

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NEW YORK DIVISION:

NEW YORK DIVISION WILL MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS TO  
PERSONALLY MEET INCOMING TWA FLIGHT 744 AND OBTAIN ABOVE LETTERS  
FROM PILOT THEREAFTER PERSONALLY DELIVER THEM TO PILOT OF  
TWA FLIGHT 840 FOR HAND-CARRY TO ROME, ITALY.

LEGAT, ROME:

LEGAT, ROME WILL MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS TO PER-  
SONALLY RECEIVE ABOVE LETTERS OF ROGATORY FROM PILOT OF  
FLIGHT 840, SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE ROME, ITALY AT 8:00 A.M.

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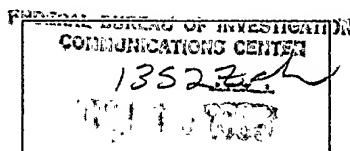
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THE FOLLOWING WAS RECEIVED FROM LEGAT ROME ON 10-16-85:  
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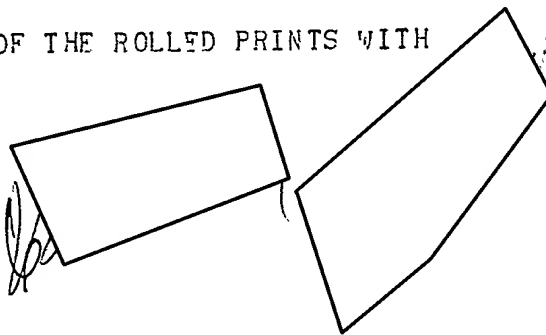
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INVESTIGATIVE TEAM IN ROME TRAVELED TO SYRIA DURING AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER 15, 1985 TO ASSIST IN IDENTIFICATION OF THE BODY OF LEON KLINGHOFFER. DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF THIS DATE, OCTOBER 16, 1985 SA [REDACTED] WAS IN CONTACT WITH LEGAT ROME FROM DAMASCUS, SYRIA, AND ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

SA [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT HE WAS ALLOWED TO VIEW THE BODY IN QUESTION DURING THE EVENING OF OCTOBER 15, 1985 AT A SYRIAN MILITARY HOSPITAL. VISUAL EXAMINATION OF THE BODY INDICATES THAT ITS PHYSICAL APPEARANCE, HEIGHT, WEIGHT, OVERALL BUILD, AND MOLE ON RIGHT CHEEK, ALL INDICATE THIS IS THE BODY OF LEON KLINGHOFFER. SA [REDACTED] IS NOT A FINGERPRINT EXAMINER, HOWEVER, HE ROLLED FINGERPRINTS FROM THE ONE REMAINING HAND OF THE BODY AND COMPARISON OF THE ROLLED PRINTS WITH

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THE KNOWN FINGERPRINTS OF LEON KLINGHOFFER INDICATE THAT THEY MATCH.

SA [ ] ADVISED THAT SYRIAN AUTHCRITIES MADE DENTAL X-RAYS OF THE BODY WHICH INDICATED THAT ONE NATURAL TOOTH REMAINED. DENTAL RECORDS OF LEON KLINGHOFFER ALSO REFLECT HE HAD ONE NATURAL TOOTH ONLY. BASED UPON THIS INFORMATION IT IS THE OPINION OF SA [ ] THAT THE BODY IN QUESTION IS THAT OF LEON KLINGHOFFER.

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SYRIAN OFFICIALS HAVE RELEASED THE BODY TO THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO SYRIA AND IT IS TO BE TRANSPORTED TO ROME THIS DATE, ABOARD AL ITALIAN FLIGHT 743 WHICH ARRIVES IN ROME AT 3:30 P.M. LOCAL TIME. SA [ ] WILL ACCOMPANY THE BODY ON ITS FLIGHT TO ROME. SA [ ] IS BEARING A LETTER FROM THE ITALIAN AMBASSADOR TO SYRIA ADVISING THAT THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WILL ACCEPT THIS BODY FOR AUTOPSY. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT AT THIS POINT, DUE TO THE REQUEST OF THE FAMILY, NO AUTOPSY HAS BEEN PERFORMED.

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< SA [ ] ALSO ADVISED THAT HIS PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION OF THE BODY CONFIRMED THAT ONE GUNSHOT WOUND TO THE BODY WAS CLEARLY VISIBLE, AND THAT A SECOND GUNSHOT WOUND APPEARED POSSIBLE.

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UPON ARRIVAL IN ROME, FBIHQ FINGERPRINT EXAMINER WILL BE REQUESTED TO EXAMINE THE BODY AND ATTEMPT TO MAKE A POSITIVE



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FBIHQ WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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RE FBIHQ TELCALL OF SSA [REDACTED] TO LEGAT [REDACTED]

DURING EVENING OF OCTOBER 21, 1985.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF FBIHQ, DIRECT TELEPHONIC CONTACT WAS  
ESTABLISHED BETWEEN LEGAT ROME AND THE WFO INVESTIGATIVE TEAM  
ABOARD THE "ACHILLE LAURO" THIS MORNING. WFO TEAM ADVISED THEY  
HAD DISEMBARKED FROM THE "ACHILLE LAURO" AT PORT ASHDOD, ISRAEL,  
AND WERE CURRENTLY IN TEL AVIV AWAITING SCHEDULED AIRLINE  
DEPARTURE FOR ROME. WFO TEAM'S TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER NEEDS  
WERE FACILITATED THROUGH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE U.S. EMBASSY IN  
TEL AVIV. THE WFO TEAM WILL DEPART TEL AVIV ENROUTE TO ROME AT  
APPROXIMATELY 6:15 P.M. (LOCAL TIME) AND SHOULD ARRIVE IN ROME  
AROUND 9:15 P.M. (ROME TIME). AS NO FLIGHTS DEPART FOR THE U.S.

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FROM ROME IN THE EVENING, THE TEAM WILL LODGE AT LEAST ONE NIGHT IN ROME AND PERHAPS TWO, DEPENDING UPON THE NEEDS SURROUNDING THE PROCESSING OF THEIR INVESTIGATIVE RESULTS OBTAINED ABOARD THE "ACHILLE LAURO".

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE WFO INVESTIGATIVE TEAM INDICATES THAT THEIR MISSION ABOARD THE "ACHILLE LAURO" WAS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL AND THAT THEY WERE ABLE TO OBTAIN MUCH DETAILED INFORMATION CONCERNING EVENTS WHICH OCCURRED ABOARD THE "ACHILLE LAURO" DURING THE HIJACKING, INCLUDING THE KILLING OF LEON KLINGHOFFER. UPON WFO TEAM'S ARRIVAL IN ROME, FBIHQ WILL BE ADVISED AS TO THE SIGNIFICANT RESULTS OF THEIR EFFORTS.

FOR THE FURTHER INFORMATION OF FBIHQ, LEGAT ROME ANTICIPATES A REPLY THIS DATE FROM THE ITALIAN MINISTRY OF JUSTICE CONCERNING ITS RESPONSE TO THE LETTERS OF ROGATORY FROM THE U.S. WHICH WERE DELIVERED BY LEGAT ROME YESTERDAY. LEGAT ROME IS OPTIMISTIC THAT A POSITIVE RESPONSE WILL BE RECEIVED AND THAT INTERVIEW ACCESS WITH THE INCARCERATED PALESTINIAN TERRORIST HIJACKERS WILL BE PERMITTED. FBIHQ WILL BE ADVISED AS SOON AS ACCESS AUTHORITY IS OBTAINED.

VIA REFERENCED TELEPHONE CALL, FBIHQ QUESTIONED LEGAT ROME

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REGARDING REPORTS OF MISTREATMENT OF WFO INVESTIGATIVE TEAM PERSONNEL BY ITALIAN AUTHORITIES. LEGAT ROME IS UNAWARE OF ANY SUCH MISTREATMENT AND ITALIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN COOPERATIVE WITH FBI PERSONNEL. WFO TEAM ABOARD THE "ACHILLE LAURO" ALSO ADVISED THAT THEY HAD NOT BEEN MISTREATED IN ANY WAY.

FBIHQ WILL BE KEPT ADVISED AS TO DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS MATTER.

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MAIN SALON; HOSTAGE TAKING-TERRORISM: 00: WFO.

REBUTEL DATED OCTOBER 12, 1985.

LEGAT, BERN HAS DETERMINED THAT THE SWISS CITIZEN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RESIDENT OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], WAS THE PERSON QUOTED IN REUTERS AS HAVING  
INFORMATION PERTINENT TO THE SHOOTING OF THE HOSTAGE LEON  
KLINGHOFFER. ATTEMPTS ARE BEING MADE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE  
INTERVIEW OF [REDACTED] AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME.

AMERICAN CITIZEN [REDACTED] AN EMPLOYEE OF THE DEPART-  
MENT OF ENERGY, TEMPORARILY ASSIGNED TO THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC  
ENERGY AGENCY IN VIENNA, AUSTRIA, WAS TELEPHONICALLY INTERVIEWED  
BY LEGAT, INASMUCH AS HE WAS IMMEDIATELY LEAVING FOR A TRIP TO  
CHINA. THE FOLLOWING IS THE GENERAL INFORMATION CONTRIBUTED BY  
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HE AND HIS WIFE [REDACTED] WERE MEMBERS OF AN AUSTRIAN TOUR GROUP OF OVER 200 PERSONS, ARRANGED THROUGH A TRAVEL AGENCY IN SALZBURG, AUSTRIA. HE BOARDED THE SHIP AT GENOA, ITALY, ON OCTOBER 3, 1985. THE SHIP SAILED TO NAPLES (OCTOBER 4), AND FROM THERE LEFT FOR ALEXANDRIA, ARRIVING IN THE MORNING ON OCTOBER 7. AT THAT TIME, 600 OF THE PASSENGERS LEFT THE SHIP TO TRAVEL TO TOURISTIC SITES IN EGYPT, PLANNING TO RETURN TO THE SHIP IN PORT SAID ON ITS ARRIVAL THERE. AT APPROXIMATELY 12:50 PM ON OCTOBER 7, WHILE MOST OF THE REMAINING PASSENGERS WERE DINING IN THE SHIP'S DINING ROOM, THEY SUDDENLY HEARD NUMEROUS SHOTS FROM AUTOMATIC WEAPONS. IMMEDIATELY, THEREAFTER, THEY OBSERVED MEMBERS OF THE CREW BACKING INTO THE DINING AREA WITH THEIR HANDS ABOVE THEIR HEADS. THEY THEN SAW THE FOUR PALESTINIANS HERDING THE CREW INTO THE DINING ROOM. MANY MORE SHOTS WERE FIRED, INJURING NO ONE, BUT HAVING THE EFFECT OF TERRIFYING EVERYONE. [REDACTED] AND HIS WIFE WERE AT THE TIME WITH AN AMERICAN COUPLE [REDACTED] (LNU FROM CHICAGO). ONE OF THE PALESTINIANS LEFT THE DINING AREA AND WENT TO THE BRIDGE OF THE SHIP. AN ANNOUNCEMENT WAS, THEREAFTER MADE, TELLING EVERYONE TO GO TO THE SHIP'S DINING ROOM. AT THAT TIME THE PASSENGERS WERE TOLD THAT THERE WERE TWELVE HIJACKERS. THE PALESTINIANS IN THE DINING

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ROOM CONTINUED TO TELL THE PASSENGERS "REAGON NO GOOD. ARAFAT GOOD. ISRAEL NO GOOD." [REDACTED] INDICATED THAT THEY SPOKE ENGLISH, BUT NOT FLUENTLY. THEY WERE ABLE TO MAKE THEIR POINTS UNDERSTOOD, BUT COULD NOT HAVE HELD EXTENSIVE CONVERSATIONS.

EVERYONE WAS TOLD TO SIT ON THE FLOOR IN THE DINING ROOM. THE TEMPERATURE WAS EXTREMELY HIGH. [REDACTED] AND HIS WIFE HAD TWO TYPES OF IDENTIFICATION ON THEIR PERSONS...AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS, AND AUSTRIAN "VISA BOOKS" WHICH ARE SMALL IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS INDICATING RESIDENCE IN AUSTRIA. THEY BOTH PLACED THEIR PASSPORTS UNDER A RUBBER MAT THAT COVERED THE LEGS OF ONE OF THE DINING ROOM TABLES. THE PALESTINIANS THEN SEGREGATED THE AMERICANS, THE BRITISH AND TWO AUSTRIANS WHO HAD ADMITTED THAT THEY WERE JEWS. THE [REDACTED] COUPLE PASSED THEMSELVES OFF AS AUSTRIANS, AND WERE ALLOWED TO REMAIN WITH THE NON-AMERICANS. THE AMERICANS, BRITISH, AND THE TWO AUSTRIAN "JEWS" WERE SENT TO THE FORWARD PORTION OF THE SHIP TO THE ARAZZI LOUNGE.

THE HIJACKERS ALTERNATELY WERE KIND TO THE HOSTAGES AND VERY MEAN, CURSING THEM, FIRING THEIR WEAPONS NEAR THEM, ETC. THEY OCCASIONALLY ALLOWED PASSENGERS OUT OF THE DINING AREA TO RETURN TO THEIR CABINS FOR MEDICATION AND OTHER NEEDS. [REDACTED] WAS ALLOWED TO LEAVE ON ONE OCCASION, WHICH HE EXPLAINED WAS BECAUSE HE HAD

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BEEN WEARING A BRIGHT RED SHIRT. HE TOOK OFF THE SHIRT TO AVOID BEING THE CENTER OF ANY ATTENTION. HE, THEREAFTER, ASKED THEM IF HE COULD GO GET A SHIRT. WHEN HE LEFT THE DINING AREA HE NOTED THAT THE SHIP WAS COMPLETELY DESERTED. HE CONTEMPLATED DONNING A LIFE VEST AND JUMPING OVERBOARD, BUT NOTED THAT HE WOULD HAVE CAUSED TOO MUCH WORRY FOR HIS WIFE WHO HAD REMAINED BEHIND.

AT ONE POINT [ ] NOTED THAT LEON KLINGHOFFER WAS IN A GROUP OF AMERICANS THAT WERE SEGREGATED. THE REMAINDER OF THAT GROUP WAS TAKEN TO THE BOW OF THE SHIP AND SURROUNDED BY GASOLINE CANS IN CASE OF A FORCED ATTACK ON THE SHIP. KLINGHOFFER WAS LEFT IN THE LOUNGE. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, SEVERAL SHOTS WERE HEARD BY EVERYONE (INCLUDING THE [ ] COUPLE). THEY LATER LEARNED THAT HE HAD BEEN SHOT, AND THEY OBSERVED BLOOD ON THE DECK AND ON THE SIDE OF THE SHIP NEAR THE LOUNGE.

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ON TUESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 8, THE TERRORISTS ANNOUNCED THAT THEIR TERMS HAD BEEN ACCEPTED. THEY BOARDED A SMALL BOAT AND LEFT THE SHIP WITH A GREAT DEAL OF FANFARE. THE HOSTAGES WERE RELEASED, AND THEY SUBSEQUENTLY VIEWED THE PALESTINIANS IN A LINE UP IN SICILY. ACCORDING TO [ ], HE, HIS WIFE, AND ALL OF THE HOSTAGES POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED THE FOUR INDIVIDUALS.

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[ ] INDICATED THAT HE WOULD DEFINITELY BE WILLING TO  
TESTIFY IN ANY COURT AGAINST THE TERRORISTS. HE PROVIDED HIS  
CONTACT ADDRESS AS [ ]

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LEGAT, BERN, NOTES THAT THERE MUST BE SOMEWHERE AROUND  
250-300 PERSONS IN AUSTRIA AND SWITZERLAND WHO WERE PASSENGERS  
ON THE ACHILLE LAURO. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF THE BUREAU  
WOULD PROVIDE SOME GUIDANCE AS TO WHETHER THESE PERSONS HAVE TO  
BE INTERVIEWED, AND IF SO, WHAT THE LEGAL BASIS IS FOR THE U.S.  
TO FORESEE A PROSECUTION IN THE UNITED STATES. BOTH THE SWISS  
AND THE AUSTRIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE INITIALLY INDICATED THAT THEY  
CANNOT UNDERSTAND HOW THE UNITED STATES FEELS THAT AN EXTRADITION  
FROM ITALY WILL EVENTUALLY TAKE PLACE.

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[REDACTED] ARRIVED IN GENOA SEPTEMBER 28, 1985 ABOARD THE SHIP "HABIB" FROM TUNISIA WITH A RENAULT 9 AUTO, LICENSE [REDACTED]. ON THE SAME SHIP ARRIVED [REDACTED] [REDACTED], ARRESTED SEPTEMBER 28, 1985, IN POSSESSION OF FALSE MOROCCAN PASSPORT NUMBER [REDACTED], MENTIONED EARLIER IN NAME [REDACTED]. FOR [REDACTED] THE TRIBUNAL OF ROME ISSUED A WARRANT APRIL 20, 1985 FOR DRUG TRAFFICKING.

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RE THE GREEK CITIZEN [REDACTED], THE FOLLOWING IS KNOWN:

HE MADE A SIMILAR CRUISE ABOARD THE "ACHILLE LAURO" AUGUST 31, 1985; HE WAS ACCOMPANIED IN GENOA BY [REDACTED] WHO HAD MOROCCAN PASSPORT NUMBER [REDACTED] ISSUED OCTOBER 19, 1983 AT RABAT. THIS IS THE PERSON WHO ON SEPTEMBER 3, 1985 RESERVED THE FIVE TICKETS FOR CABIN NUMBER 82 ON THE "ACHILLE LAURO" CRUISE WHICH WAS HIJACKED. TO PAY, [REDACTED] ON TWO OCCASIONS CHANGED DOLLARS, THE FIRST WHEN HE PURCHASED HIS TICKET AUGUST 13, 1985, AND THE SECOND WHEN HE PURCHASED THE FIVE SEPTEMBER 3, 1985.

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AS A CONTACT [REDACTED] LEFT A TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE "MINI HOTEL"

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OF GENOA WHERE [ ] AND A MOROCCAN, [ ]  
[ ], BORN 1956 IN RABAT, CARRYING MOROCCAN PASSPORT [ ],  
WERE STAYING SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 2, 1985 AND WHO WOULD HAVE  
BEEN IN CONTACT WITH [ ].

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[REDACTED], MADE AVAILABLE THE FIRST

SECTION OF A REPORT MADE BY THEIR REPRESENTATIVE FOLLOWING HIS

BOARDING OF THE "ACHILLE LAURO" ON OCTOBER 10, 1985, AT

12:30 PM IN THE COMPANY OF THE WEST GERMAN EMBASSY'S FIRST

SECRETARY. [REDACTED] HAS AN INVESTIGATION INSTITUTED IN THIS MATTER

DUE TO THE NUMBER OF GERMAN PASSENGERS AND CREW MEMBERS AND

BECAUSE ONE OF THE HIJACKERS BRAGGED TO ONE OF THE GERMANS THAT

HE HAD 60-80 FRIENDS IN HANNOVER, WEST GERMANY. THE FOLLOWING

IS EXTRACTED FROM THE REPORT AS SUPPLEMENTARY TO THAT WHICH EXISTS

IN THE BOMM FILE. IT IS TRANSLATED FROM THE GERMAN AS FOLLOWS:

"PONTE PASSEGGIATA (KLINGHOFFER CRIME SCENE).

"THE PROMENADE DECK AND PONTE PASSEGGIATA CAN BE SEEN FROM

THE STARBOARD AND PORT SIDES EACH WITH SIX DOORS THAT LEAD

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OUTSIDE. IT IS POSSIBLE TO PUSH THE WHEELCHAIR OF KLINGHOFFER THROUGH VARIOUS INNER ROOMS WITHOUT GOING OVER A THRESHOLD OR STEPS. TO GO OUTSIDE THE WHEELCHAIR MUST BE LIFTED OVER A RAISED THRESHOLD WHICH PROTECTS FROM RAIN OR SEA WATER. THE STARBOARD SIDE OF THE PONTE PASSEGGIATA IS THE POSSIBLE LOCATION OF THE KLINGHOFFER CRIME, DIRECTLY ON THE BULWARK OF THE PASSAGEWAY TO THE PONTE IMBARCAZIONI WHICH IS UNDERNEATH. ONE OF THE BULWARK SUPPORTS, APPROXIMATELY 2.5 METERS FROM THE PASSAGEWAY IN THE DIRECTION OF THE BOW, SHOWS LIGHT RED-BROWN FLECKS (PROBABLY BLOOD) IN A LENGTH OF ABOUT 25 CENTIMETERS (CM). APPROXIMATELY ONE METER BEFORE IN THE DIRECTION OF THE BOW, ON THE ABOVE OF THE TWO DIAGONAL SUPPORTS FOR THE HANDRAILING, IS A 10 PFENNIG (ABOUT 1 NICKEL) COIN SIZED CHIP OF PAINT MISSING WHERE THE BARE METAL IS VISIBLE. THE PAINT CHIP WAS EXHAUSTIVELY LOOKED AT AS POSSIBLY CAUSED BY A SHOT WITHOUT ANY SIMILARITIES BEING NOTICED AS IN THE TWO FLOOR BULLET HOLES IN THE FLOOR AT THE PASSAGEWAY TO THE CABINS. ACCORDINGLY, IT CANNOT BE RULED OUT THAT THE PAINT CHIP MIGHT HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY THE WHEELCHAIR HITTING. EXACTLY UNDERNEATH THIS PAINT CHIP, APPROXIMATELY 4-5 METERS DOWN, A SKIRTING BOARD

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
OF ABOUT 15 CM WIDTH RUNS DOWN BOTH SIDES OF THE SHIP. FROM ABOVE, ON THE SKIRTING BOARD, COULD BE SEEN ABOUT A 5 CM ALMOST ROUND, RED-BROWN SPOT WHICH ON THE EDGE WAS DARK BROWN TO BLACK, BUT BECAME BRIGHTER TOWARDS THE MIDDLE, WHICH HAD IN THE CENTER EITHER DARK PARTICLES OF AN UNKNOWN MASS OR DROPS OF ALMOST BLACK BLOOD. THERE IS HARDLY DOUBT THAT THE SPOTS WERE BLOOD. BECAUSE OF LEGAL GROUNDS THE BLOOD SPOTS COULD NOT BE SECURED."

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THIS COMMUNICATION IS CLASSIFIED "~~SECRET~~" IN ITS ENTIRETY.

AT APPROXIMATELY 1:00 P.M. THIS DATE WFO INVESTIGATIVE TEAM  
ABOARD THE "ACHILLE LAURO" REQUESTED, THROUGH THE AMERICAN CONSUL  
GENERAL IN GENOA, THAT LEGAT LONDON BE TASKED TO MAKE CONTACT  
WITH [REDACTED] OF CHANDRIS LIMITED (ONE OF  
THE COMPANIES WHICH OWNS THE "ACHILLE LAURO"), [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES  
OF SEVERAL GIRLS WHO WERE PART OF AN ENGLISH DANCING TROUPE WHICH  
WAS ABOARD THE "ACHILLE LAURO". [REDACTED] 256-12-94  
THIS GROUP TO APPEAR ABOARD THE SHIP AND SHOULD BE IN A POSITION  
TO ASSIST IN THEIR LOCATION.

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LEGAT LONDON IS REQUESTED TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW THESE  
INDIVIDUALS REGARDING THE "ACHILLE LAURO" INCIDENT.

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REROMTELS DATED OCTOBER 12, 1985.

WFO INVESTIGATIVE TEAM WITH LEGAT ROME ASSISTANCE WAS IN  
CONTACT WITH DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION'S OFFICE, U.S. EMBASSY IN  
CAIRO. THROUGH THIS CONTACT IT WAS LEARNED THAT THE SHIP  
"ACHILLE LAURO", AS OF THIS MORNING, REMAINED AT PORT SAID,  
EGYPT. THE EGYPTIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN CONDUCTING A CRIME  
SCENE INVESTIGATION ON THE SHIP FOR THE PAST THREE DAYS AND  
HAVE TAKEN STATEMENTS FROM THE CREW AND PASSENGERS. IT IS  
UNCERTAIN AS TO WHEN THE "ACHILLE LAURO" WILL DEPART FROM  
PORT SAID. UNCONFIRMED REPORTS INDICATED IT COULD LEAVE TODAY  
OR TOMORROW. THE CREW REPORTEDLY WISHES TO RETURN THE SHIP TO  
GENOA, ITALY, AND THE SHIP OWNERS WOULD LIKE THE SHIP TO PRO-  
CEED TO GENOA.

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CEED TO ASHOD, ISRAEL, AND RESUME THE CRUISE. CURRENTLY, PASSENGERS WHO WISHED TO REMAIN ONBOARD OR RETURN TO THE VESSEL HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO DO SO. IT IS BELIEVED THAT OTHER PASSENGERS ARE LODGED ON LAND.

INFORMATION DEVELOPED IN ROME INDICATES THAT ABU EL-ABBAS, REPORTED LEADER OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION FRONT FACTION WHICH WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE HIJACKING, HAS BEEN ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE EGYPTIAN EMBASSY IN ROME FROM WHERE HE HAD BEEN TAKEN AND HAS BEEN ALLOWED TO GO TO YUGOSLAVIA. ITALIAN TELEVISION SHOWED ABU EL-ABBAS GIVING A PRESS CONFERENCE IN YUGOSLAVIA AND HE REPORT-  
EDLY HAS BEEN GIVEN DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY BY YUGOSLAVIA. LEGAT

ROME LEARNED THAT WHEN THE EGYPTIAN AIRCRAFT WAS FLOWN FROM SIGONELLA TO ROME, CARRYING ABU EL-ABBAS AND OTHERS, THAT A U.S. NAVY AIRCRAFT WAS INSTRUCTED TO TAIL THIS AIRCRAFT TO ROMF. AFTER THE EGYPTIAN AIRCRAFT TOOK OFF, THE ITALIAN BASE COMMANDER BLOCKED THE RUNWAY TO PREVENT THE U.S. NAVY AIRCRAFT FROM TAKING OFF. THE U.S. NAVY PILOT WAS ABLE TO TAKE HIS AIRCRAFT OFF FROM THE TAXI STRIP THEREBY EVADING ITALIAN BLOCKING EFFORTS. THIS INCIDENT ANGERED THE ITALIAN BASE COMMANDER WHO IMMEDIATELY CLOSED THE BASE. THIS INFORMATION IS PROVIDED TO DISPLAY THAT.

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U.S./ ITALIAN RELATIONS MAY BE BECOMING STRAINED OVER THIS ENTIRE INCIDENT AND THAT FBI INVESTIGATIVE NEEDS MAY HAVE TO PROCEED FORWARD IN A DELICATE MANNER.

ITALIAN NEWS REPORTS INDICATE THAT THE FOUR TERRORISTS MAY BE MOVED TO A MORE SECURE AREA IN NORTHERN ITALY, POSSIBLY GENOA. ONE OF THE SEVERAL MAGISTRATES HANDLING THIS CASE IS FROM GENOA AND ITALIAN TRIAL WILL BE IN GENOA.

WFO INVESTIGATIVE TEAM IS ENGAGING IN ACTIVITIES DIRECTED TOWARD GAINING INTERVIEW/ INVESTIGATIVE ACCESS TO THE TERRORIST HIJACKERS, BELIEVED TO STILL BE INCARCERATED AT SIGONELLA. LFGAT ROME BELIEVES THAT THE HANDLING ITALIAN MAGISTRATE MAY BE AMENABLE TO OFFERING AT LEAST LIMITED ASSISTANCE TO THE WFO INVESTIGATIVE TEAM TO SECURE FBI NEEDS IN THIS MATTER.

FBIHQ WILL BE KEPT ADVISED AS TO DEVELOPMENTS AND THE INITIATIVES OF WFO INVESTIGATIVE TEAM.

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FOR THE INFORMATION OF RECIPIENTS WFO HAS BEEN DESIGNATED  
AS OFFICE OF ORIGIN CONCERNING CAPTIONED MATTER, THE INVESTIGATION  
OF THE ARMED SEIZURE OF THE ITALIAN CRUISE SHIP ACHILLE LAURO  
BY PALESTINIAN TERRORISTS OFF OF ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT.  
PRELIMINARY INFORMATION INDICATES THAT THE ACHILLE LAURO WAS  
SEIZED BY A GROUP OF PALESTINIAN TERRORISTS (POSSIBLY SEVEN

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IN NUMBER) WHO ARE REPORTEDLY MEMBERS OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION FRONT (PLF). THE TERRORISTS HAVE THREATENED TO KILL PASSENGERS IF FIFTY PALESTINIAN PRISONERS ARE NOT RELEASED FROM ISRAELI JAILS. THE TERRORISTS HAVE ALSO THREATENED TO BLOW UP THE SHIP IF THEIR DEMANDS ARE NOT MET OR IF ANY OTHER BOAT APPROACHES.

INITIAL MEDIA REPORTS QUOTE THE ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY AS STATING THAT TWENTY-EIGHT AMERICANS WERE ABOARD THE SHIP AT THE TIME OF THE TAKE-OVER, WITH OTHER AMERICANS HAVING LEFT THE SHIP IN ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT FOR AN EXCURSION TO CAIRO. MEDIA REPORTS INDICATE THAT AS MANY AS FOUR HUNDRED AND FIFTY PASSENGERS AND CREW MAY BE ABOARD THE ACHILLE LAURO. REPORTS ALSO STATE THAT THE TERRORISTS HAVE LOCKED PASSENGERS IN THEIR CABINS AND WERE SYSTEMATICALLY CHECKING IDENTITY, NATIONALITY, AND RELIGION OF ALL ABOARD. RADIO BROADCASTS DURING THE AFTERNOON OF 10/8/85 INDICATE THAT TWO AMERICAN PASSENGERS HAVE BEEN EXECUTED BY THE TERRORISTS, ALTHOUGH THESE REPORTS HAVE NOT BEEN CONFIRMED AS OF THIS WRITING.

WFO ASSETS REPORT THAT THE PLF WAS FOUNDED IN 1976 OUT OF THE POPULAR FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF PALESTINE-GENERAL

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COMMAND (PFLP-GC) WHOSE LEADER IS [REDACTED]. THE PLF IS  
REPORTEDLY LEAD BY ABU AL ABBAS AND [REDACTED]. THE PLF  
SPLIT FROM THE PFLP-GC BECAUSE OF ITS COLLUSION WITH SYRIA  
OVER THE LEBANESE SITUATION. THE PLF MAY BE BACKED BY IRAQ.  
THE PLF IS REPORTEDLY A SMALL RADICAL ORGANIZATION THAT IS OPPOSED  
TO PLO CHAIRMAN YASSER ARAFAT AND HIS ONGOING PEACE INITIATIVE  
WITH KING HUSSEIN OF JORDAN. PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION OF WFO  
RECORDS DOES NOT PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING  
THE PLF.

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WFO ASSETS HAVE REPORTED THAT PLO CHAIRMAN YASSER ARAFAT  
IS NOT INVOLVED IN THIS TERRORIST OPERATION AND IS IN THE PROCESS  
OF WORKING WITH THE ITALIAN AND EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENTS TO MEDIATE A  
RESOLUTION OF THIS CRISIS. ONE IMPORTANT WFO ASSET SPECULATES  
THAT THE PLF UNDERTOOK THIS OPERATION IN LARGE PART TO  
EMBARASS ARAFAT AND TO TORPEDO THIS PEACE INITIATIVE. OFFICIAL  
PLO STATEMENTS IN THE PRESS DISAVOW INVOLVEMENT OF THE MAINSTREAM  
OF THE PLO.

WFO CONTACT WITH U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE TASK FORCE AND  
U.S. PASSPORT OFFICE PRELIMINARILY INDICATES THAT TEN AMERICANS  
REMAINED ABOARD THE SHIP AT THE TIME OF SEIZURE, THEIR NAMES



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ARE AS FOLLOWS: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]; LEON AND MARILYN KLINGHOFFER; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]; AND [REDACTED]. NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

HAS YET BEEN OBTAINED REGARDING THESE INDIVIDUALS. USDS  
IS UNAWARE OF ANY OTHER AMERICANS BEING ABOARD THE SHIP.

ON 10/8/85, THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ESTABLISHED FBI  
JURISDICTION OVER THIS MATTER AND ADVISED PROSECUTION CAN BE  
SOUGHT IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS: HOSTAGE TAKING, TITLE 18,  
SECTION 1203; PRIRACY, TITLE 18, SECTION 1651; AND  
CRIME ON THE HIGH SEAS, TITLE 18, SECTION 2271, ET SEQ.

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ALERT REGARDING ANY INFORMATION WHICH MAY COME TO THEIR  
ATTENTION REGARDING CAPTIONED MATTER AND EXPEDITIOUSLY  
ADVISE FBIHQ AND WFO.

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THEIR HOST COUNTRIES TO INSURE THE TIMELY RECEIPT OF  
INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION OBTAINED DURING THIS ONGOING  
CRISIS AND TO UNDERTAKE STEPS TO SECURE FBI INTERESTS  
SURROUNDING THE DEBRIEFING OF ANY HOSTAGES WHICH MAY BE  
RELEASED DURING THE PROGRESS OF THIS CRISIS.

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20 A SUMMARY OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THIS KIDNAPPING  
18 ARE CONTAINED IN DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE  
16 INFORMATION REPORT 2212300175 {B OR B} 010-01 {A} DATED AUGUST  
7, 1975. [ ] HAS A COPY OF THIS REPORT AND CAN MAKE IT  
AVAILABLE TO FBI, SAN JUAN IF NECESSARY.

14 SAN JUAN IS REQUESTED TO EXPEDITIOUSLY DISPATCH A SPECIAL  
12 AGENT TO THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS TO CONTACT MAJOR  
GENERAL [ ] {SUPRA}, AND OBTAIN FROM HIM A COPY OF  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT  
22112300175 {B OR B} 010-01 {A}, DATED AUGUST 7, 1975.

10 SAN JUAN IS REQUESTED TO FURNISH SAID COPY TO FBI  
HEADQUARTERS, ATTN: EOC, ROOM 5005, BY MOST EXPEDITIOUS  
8 MEANS.

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FM	FM DIRECTOR FBI		
TO	TO LEGAL ATTACHE ROME IMMEDIATE		
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14	<del>SECRET</del>		
	MAIN SALON; HOSTAGE TAKING - TERRORISM		
12	THIS COMMUNICATION IS CLASSIFIED <del>SECRET</del> IN ITS ENTIRETY.		
	RE BU TELETYPE TO U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (USDS) AND LEGAT		
10	ROME DATED 10/13/85.		
	FOR INFORMATION OF LEGAT ROME, CONCURRENCE WAS RECEIVED		
8	FROM USDS AT 7:45EST ON 10/13/85 TO INTERVIEW THE BARTENDER		
	ABOARD "LE ACHILLE LAURO".		
6	LEGAT ROME IS REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW BARTENDER AS REQUEST-		
	ED IN REFERENCED TELETYPE.		
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MESSAGE RELAY VIA TELETYPE  
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Date: 10/23/85 PRECEDENCE: ☐ IMMEDIATE ☒ PRIORITY ☐ ROUTINE

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TO: FBI Washington FieldALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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Addressee Internal Distribution

For: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject: 256-12-100

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☐ See Attached

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## USE AND PREPARATION OF FORM 0-73

### Restrictions on Use

1. Only incoming teletype messages within the categories listed in MIOG Section 16-1.7 pages 1251 & 1252 may be prepared using form 0-73.
2. Use of Form 0-73 is restricted to incoming teletype messages received at FBIHQ Communications Center within the last 72 hours.
3. Addressees must be Bureau Offices (LEGAT/Field) or other Government Agencies. **Geographical location must be indicated if other Government Agency is located outside the Washington, D.C. area.**
4. Editing of message text is restricted to typed or printed changes of a word or two. Changes to the existing text involving more than a word or two will require the originator to initiate a new message using Form 0-93. Administrative data may be added immediately following the text and must be identical for all addressees.
5. Teletype messages received by the Communications Center that do not meet the above criteria shall be returned to the originator for preparation using Form 0-93.

### Preparation of 0-73 Form (Yellow)

1. **Date & Precedence** - Type or print date and indicate precedence by checking the appropriate box.
2. **Addressee(s)** - Type or print addressee(s) immediately following the "TO:" or place a check mark in the appropriate box. Note: When using block "Other," indicate geographical location if addressee(s) is located outside Washington, D.C. If addressee(s) is a military installation, the name of the base, fort, or station must be listed to ensure delivery.
3. **Classification** - Type or print the classification and if appropriate the caveat and warning notices.
4. **Addressee Internal Distribution** - Complete when the originator wishes the message to be distributed to a known entity within a Headquarters Agency (i.e. Division, Section, Unit, etc.). List the addressee(s) abbreviation and the internal distribution, i.e. a message to Dept. of State, Dept. of Justice, and Defense Intelligence Agency; list on the "For" line(s) as follows:  
**Example:** For: DOS For SY/TAG; DOJ for Asst. AG Criminal Div.; DIA For DSOP.  
Messages which do not list internal distribution shall be delivered to the agency headquarters where their analyst will effect in-house distribution.
5. **Subject** - Type or print the subject in the space provided or check "see attached" if subject is identical to attached message.
6. **Originator's Boxes** - Type or print the originator's name, telephone extension, room number, and division.
7. **Approved By Box** - Indicate approval for transmission by initialing the approved by box. Note: The person approving the message is solely responsible for assuring all necessary editing changes are accurate and are legible.

### Preparation of Message To Be Transmitted

1. **Duplicate Copy & Notations** - Xerox 1 copy of the incoming teletype message. A notation shall be made on the original incoming teletype indicating one copy made for relay to SACS \_\_\_\_\_, (or LEGATS) \_\_\_\_\_, (or Government Agencies) \_\_\_\_\_.
2. **Editing of Duplicate Copy (Heading)** - Using a lead pencil ONLY draw single lines through the first and last lines of the message heading; connect these lines from top right to bottom left forming a "Z" figure. **(Do Not Obliterate the Heading)**
3. **Editing Changes to the Text** - (See Restrictions on Use, item 4)
4. **Administrative Data** - Type or print administrative data immediately following the text.

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